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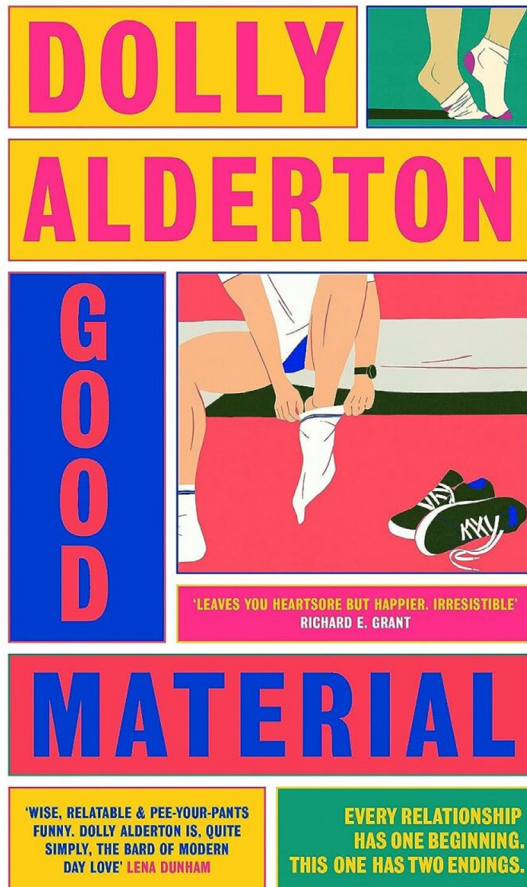
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February new releases 2024

Good Material

Dolly Alderton

Read by Arthur Darvill & Vanessa Kirby



From the bestselling author of *Ghosts* and *Everything I Know About Love* comes a sharply funny, beautifully observed and exquisitely relatable story of heartbreak and friendship, and how to survive both.

Andy loves Jen. Jen loved Andy. And he can't work out why she stopped.

Now he is ...

1. Without a home
2. Waiting for his stand-up career to take off
3. Wondering why everyone else around him seems to have grown up while he wasn't looking

Set adrift on the sea of heartbreak at a time when everything he thought he knew about women, and flat-sharing, and his friendships has transformed beyond recognition, Andy clings to the idea of solving the puzzle of their broken relationship. Because if he can find the answer to that, then maybe Jen can find her way back to him.

Andy still has a lot to learn, not least his ex-girlfriend's side of the story.

Dolly Alderton is an award-winning author, screenwriter, columnist for *The Sunday Times Style* and has also written for *GQ*, *Red*, *Marie Claire* and *Grazia*

Alderton's first title *Everything I Know About Love* became a top five *Sunday Times* bestseller in its first week of publication and won a National Book Award (UK) for Autobiography of the Year

Alderton is the former co-host and co-creator of the podcast *The High Low*

'Leaves you heartsore but happier. Irresistible.' – Richard E. Grant, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Pocketful of Happiness*



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Behind the Seams

My Life in Rhinestones

Dolly Parton

Read by the Author, Holly George-Warren & Rebecca Seaver

Adult New Release

Autobiography | February 2024



A beautiful celebration of Dolly Parton's iconic sense of style through entertaining personal stories, interviews with friends and family, music and archival interview and performance clips.

In *Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones*, global superstar Dolly Parton shares, for the first time, the full story behind her lifelong passion for fashion, including how she developed her own distinctly Dolly style, which has defied convention and endeared her to fans around the world.

Featuring behind-the-scenes stories from Dolly Parton's life and career, this audiobook spotlights her most unforgettable looks from the 1960s to now. The sky-high heels, famous wigs, bold makeup, eye-catching stage clothes – she shares them all. Along the way, Parton discusses memorable outfits from her past and the daring styles that continue to entertain and inspire today.

Filled with candour, humour and lots and lots of rhinestones, *Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones* is a shining tribute to one of the most beloved musicians in history, a treasured keepsake for anyone who loves Dolly Parton and an indispensable guide to forging your own path to beauty and confidence.

Dolly Parton is the most honoured and revered female singer-songwriter of all time. She has garnered 11 Grammy Awards and 51 nominations, including the Lifetime Achievement Award

In 1999, Parton was inducted as a member of the coveted Country Music Hall of Fame, and in 2020, she released the bestselling coffee table book, *Songteller: My Life in Lyrics*

Parton has donated over 200 million books to children around the world with her Imagination Library. With James Patterson, she co-authored the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Run Rose Run*

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Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2024

Fall of Ruin and Wrath

Jennifer L. Armentrout

Read by Soneela Nankani



From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *From Blood and Ash* is a scorching romance with high stakes, breathtaking magic and a searing enemies-to-lovers romance.

Long ago, the world was destroyed by gods. Only nine cities were spared. Separated by vast wilderness teeming with monsters and unimaginable dangers, each city is now ruled by a guardian – royalty who feed on mortal pleasure.

Born with an intuition that never fails, Calista knows her talents are of great value to the power-hungry of the world, so she lives hidden as a courtesan of the Baron of Archwood. In exchange for his protection, she grants him information. When her intuition leads her to save a travelling prince in dire trouble, the voice inside her blazes with warning – and promise. Today he'll bring her joy. One day he'll be her doom.

When the Baron takes an interest in the prince, and the prince takes an interest in Calista, she becomes the latter's temporary companion. But the city simmers with rebellion, and with knights and monsters at her city gates and a hungry prince in her bed, intuition may not be enough to keep her safe. Calista must choose: follow her intuition to safety or follow her heart to her downfall.

Jennifer L. Armentrout is a # 1 *New York Times* and *USA Today* Bestselling author of the Covenant Series, the Lux Series, the Titan series and the Gamble Brothers series

Armentrout has won numerous awards, including the 2020 Goodreads Choice Award in Romance for her adult fantasy, *From Blood and Ash*

'A masterpiece from the queen of romantasy!' – Laura Thalassa, bestselling author of the Four Horsemen series

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Now You See Them

Brighton Mysteries #5

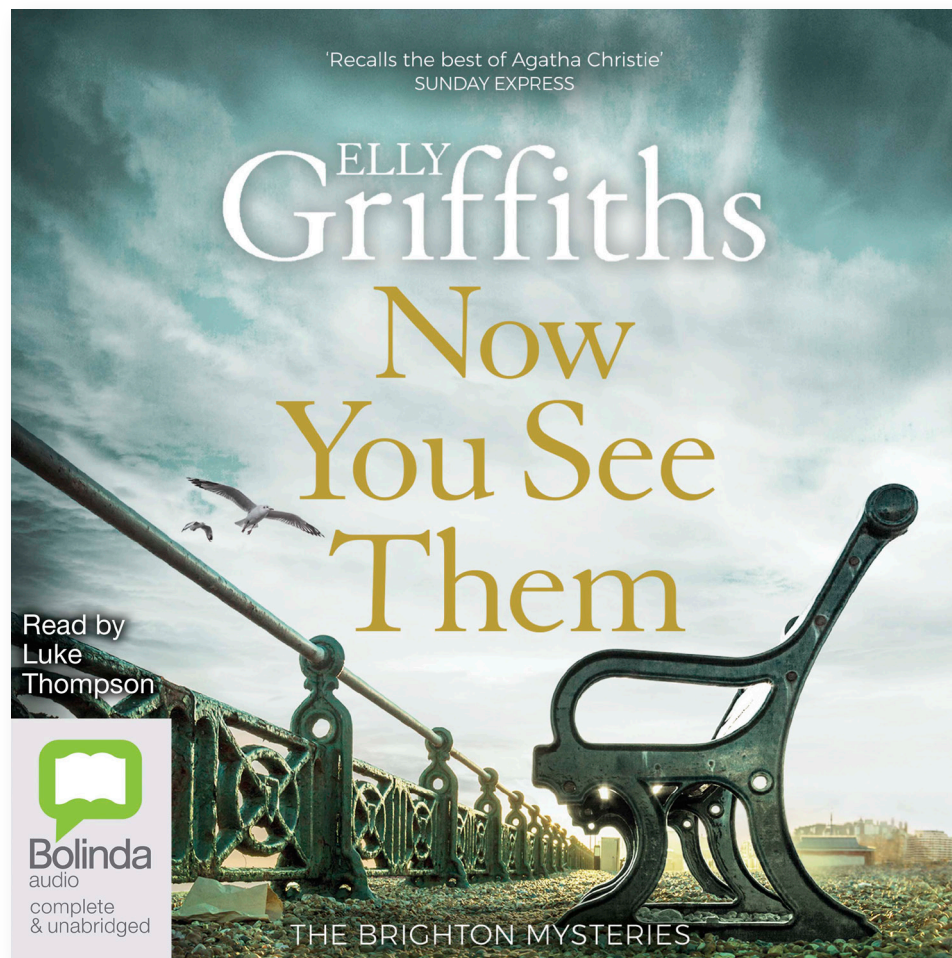
Elly Griffiths

Read by Luke Thompson

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024

A gripping Brighton-based mystery from the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway series.



Three girls have left. None has come back.

Brighton, 1963. Edgar Stephens has been promoted to Superintendent and is married to his former sergeant, Emma Holmes. Edgar's wartime partner in arms, magician Max Mephisto, is a movie star in Hollywood while his daughter Ruby has her own TV show.

The funeral of an old friend highlights just how much the gang's lives have changed in the last nine years. Edgar is struggling with fresh responsibilities and the new swinging Brighton of rioting mods and rockers; Emma is chafing against the restrictions of life as a housewife.

Bob Willis, meanwhile, is tackling his biggest case since his promotion to DI – a schoolgirl missing from high-class boarding school Roedean. It looks like she's run away, but there are disturbing similarities to the disappearances of a young local nurse and a tearaway Modette, neither of who has been seen or heard from since ...

A new world is dawning in Brighton, but the city's dark side is as dangerous as ever.

Perfect for fans of Agatha Christie, cosy crime and TV series such as *Grantchester* and *Midsomer Murders*

Elly Griffiths is the author of the Ruth Galloway Mystery series, as well as the standalone novel *The Stranger Diaries*, which won the Edgar Award for Best Novel

Griffiths is the recipient of the CWA Dagger in the Library Award and the Mary Higgins Clark Award

'A piquant mixture of humour, period detail ... and truly beguiling characterisation.' – Financial Times

'Elly Griffiths' series set in post-war Brighton are entertaining diversions full of period detail, smart plotting and likeable characters.' – Mail on Sunday

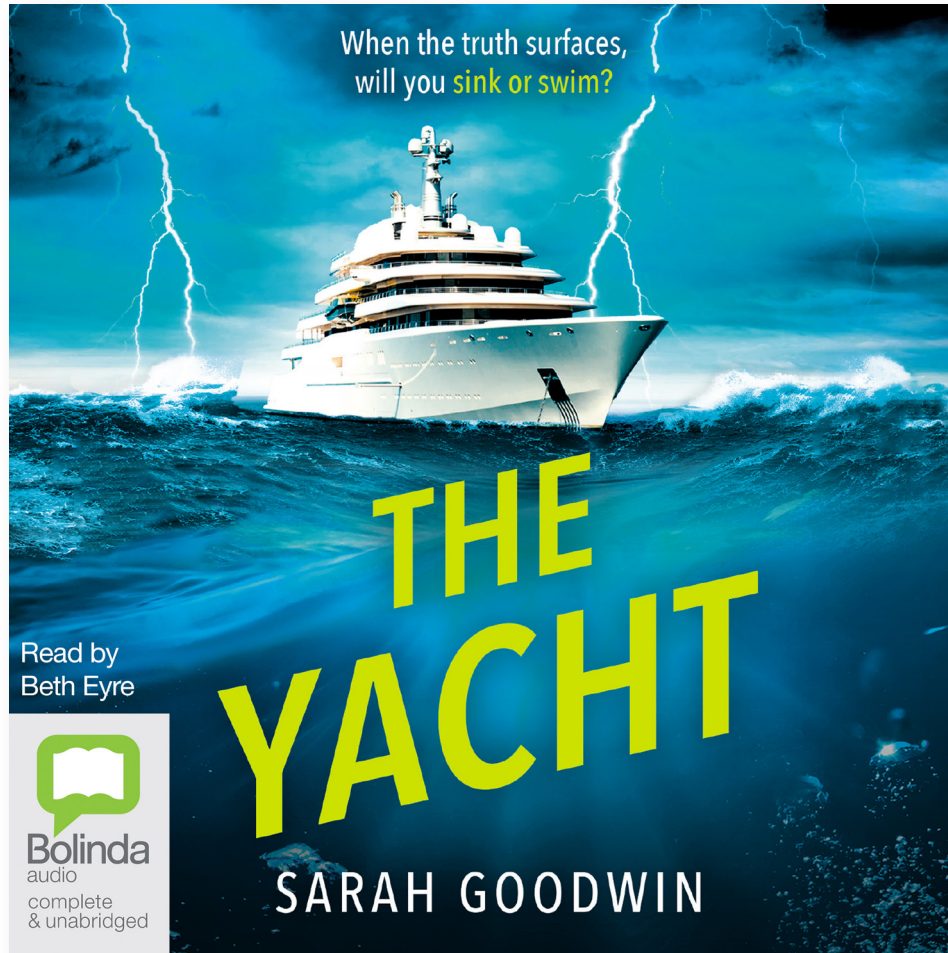
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The Yacht

Sarah Goodwin
Read by Beth Eyre



Don't miss the shocking psychological thriller from Sarah Goodwin, with twists that will leave you breathless.

When the truth surfaces, who will sink ... and who will swim?

New Year's Eve, 2023. When Hannah and her friends rent a luxury yacht in an Italian marina, they party in style under the stars until they pass out.

The next morning, they are horrified to find they have been cut adrift into the open ocean, with no sight of land and no fuel in the engine. And that's when the first person goes missing ...

A twisty locked-room thriller, perfect for fans of *The White Lotus*, *The Hunting Party* and *The Castaways*

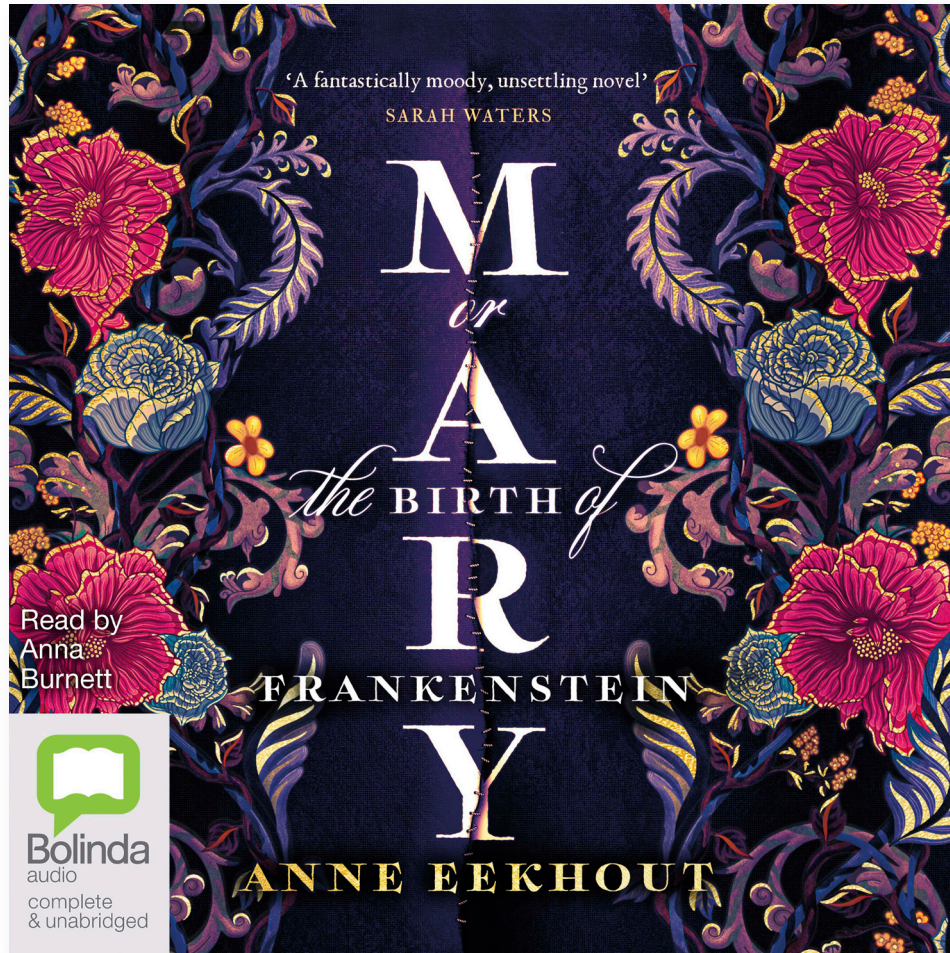
Sarah Goodwin completed a BA and MA in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University and self-published many titles across various genres, including YA magical realism, contemporary women's fiction, romance and horror

Goodwin is also the author of other gripping psychological thrillers, *The Resort*, *Stranded*, *The Thirteenth Girl* and *The Blackout*

Mary; or, the Birth of Frankenstein

Anne Eekhout

Read by Anna Burnett



An intensely gripping reimagining of Mary Shelley's youth, vividly exploring innocence, young love, gothic mystery and the roots of her literary masterpiece, *Frankenstein*.

There is a beast inside her, a monster. It wants to scream, it wants to tear things apart.

1816. Mary, 18 years old, is staying in a villa on Lake Geneva with her lover Percy Shelley. She is tormented by his infidelities, haunted by the loss of her baby daughter.

Then one evening with friends, as storms rage outside and laudanum stirs their imaginations, Lord Byron challenges everyone to write a ghost story, and something fierce and wild awakens in Mary.

Memories surface of the long, strange summer she once spent with a family in Scotland, where she found herself falling in love with the enigmatic Isabella Baxter. She learned tales of mythical beasts, witches and spirits. And she encountered real monsters – both in the rocky wilds and far, far closer to home ...

WARNING: CONTAINS GRAPHIC CONTENT

Anne Eekhout is the author of the novel *Dogma*, which was nominated for the Bronzen Uil Prize for best debut

Eekhout is also the author of *One Night*, which was nominated for the BNG Literature Prize; and *Nicolas and the Disappearance of the World*, which was selected as the Best Book for Young Adults

'A fantastically moody, unsettling novel, with a teasing, enigmatic atmosphere entirely its own.' – Sarah Waters, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Paying Guests* and *Fingersmith*

Bookshops & Bonedust

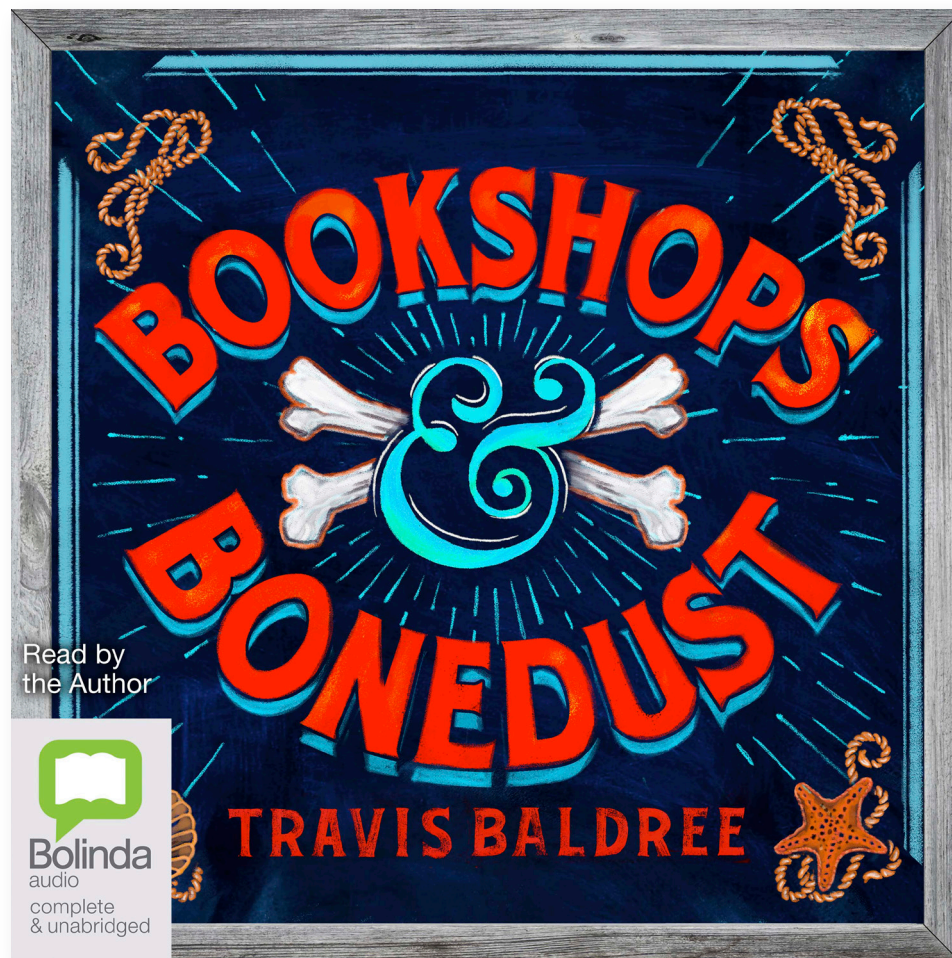
Legends & Lattes

Travis Baldree

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2024



A cosy fantasy about the power of good bookshops, great friends and the unexpected choices along the way from the bestselling author of BookTok sensation *Legends & Lattes*.

Viv's career with the renowned mercenary company Rackam's Ravens isn't going as planned. Wounded during the hunt for a powerful necromancer, she's packed off against her will to recuperate in the sleepy beach town of Murk – so far from the action that she worries she'll never be able to return to it. What's a thwarted soldier of fortune to do?

Spending her hours at a struggling bookshop in the company of its foul-mouthed proprietor is the last thing Viv would have predicted. Even though it may be exactly what she needs. Still, adventure isn't far away. A suspicious traveller in grey, a gnome with a chip on her shoulder, a summer fling and an improbable number of skeletons prove Murk to be more eventful than Viv could have ever expected.

Sometimes, right things happen at the wrong time. Sometimes, what we need isn't what we seek. And sometimes, we find ourselves in the stories we experience together.

Travis Baldree is a *New York Times* bestselling author, and a full-time audiobook narrator who has lent his voice to hundreds of stories

Baldree spent decades designing and building video games like *Torchlight*, *Rebel Galaxy* and *Fate*

'What I love about Travis Baldree is that set against an epic world of adventure, he writes about the small victories that make life worthwhile. *Bookshops & Bonedust* does this and it is glorious.' – Ben Aaronovitch, author of the Rivers of London series

'Warm and wonderful.' – Kirkus Reviews

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The Atlas Complex

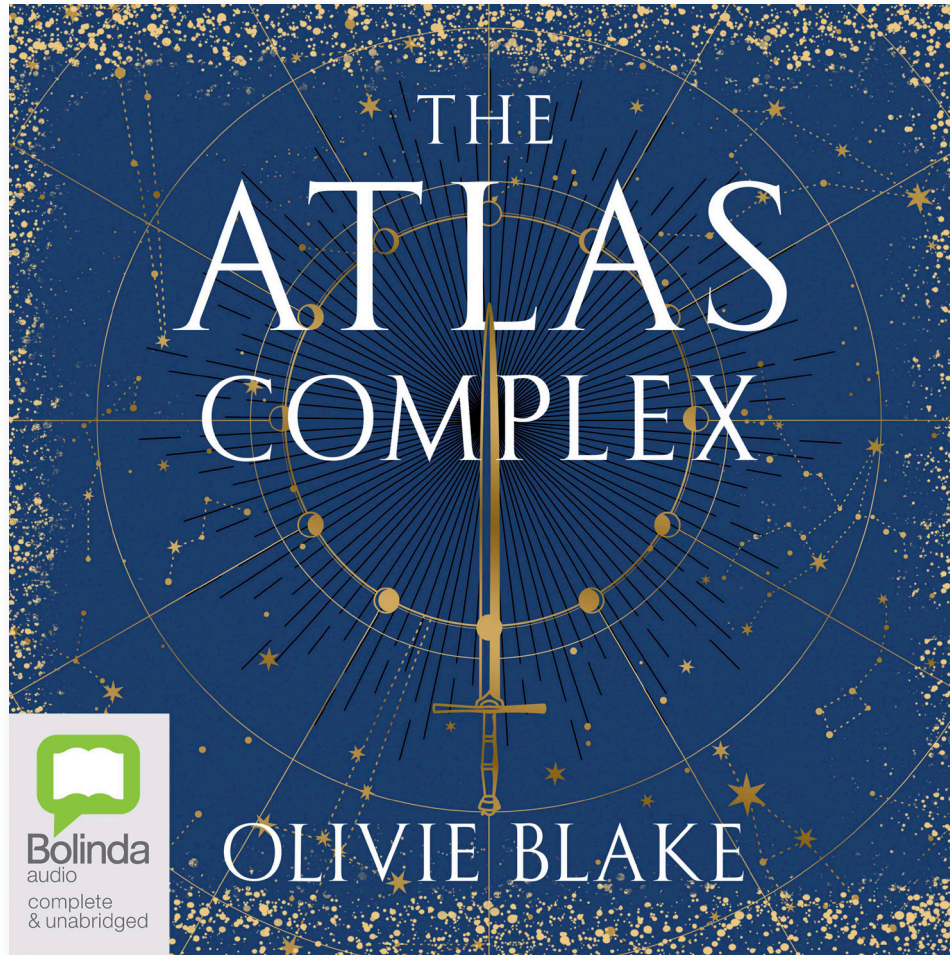
The Atlas #3

Olivie Blake

Read by a Full Cast

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2024



The much-anticipated final instalment in Olivie Blake's trilogy that began with the *New York Times* bestselling phenomenon, *The Atlas Six*.

An explosive return to the library leaves the six Alexandrians vulnerable to the lethal terms of their recruitment.

Old alliances quickly fracture as the initiates take opposing strategies as to how to deal with the deadly bargain they have so far failed to uphold. Those who remain with the archives wrestle with the ethics of their astronomical abilities, while elsewhere, an unlikely pair from the Society cohort partner to influence politics on a global stage.

And still the outside world mobilizes to destroy them, while the Caretaker himself, Atlas Blakely, may yet succeed with a plan foreseen to have world-ending stakes. It's a race to survive as the six Society recruits are faced with the question of what they're willing to betray for limitless power – and who will be destroyed along the way.

Olivie Blake is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Atlas Six*, *Alone with You in the Ether* and *One for My Enemy*

Blake has been published as the featured fiction contributor for *Witch Way Magazine*, as well as the writer for the self-published graphic series *Alpha* and a variety of other titles

'As much a delicious contest of wit, will, and passion as it is of magic, this book is half mystery, half puzzle, and wholly a delight.' – Holly Black, bestselling author of *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (on *The Atlas Six*)

'Olivie Blake is a mind-blowing talent.' – Chloe Gong, *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Violent Delights* (on *The Atlas Six*)

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Head in the Sand

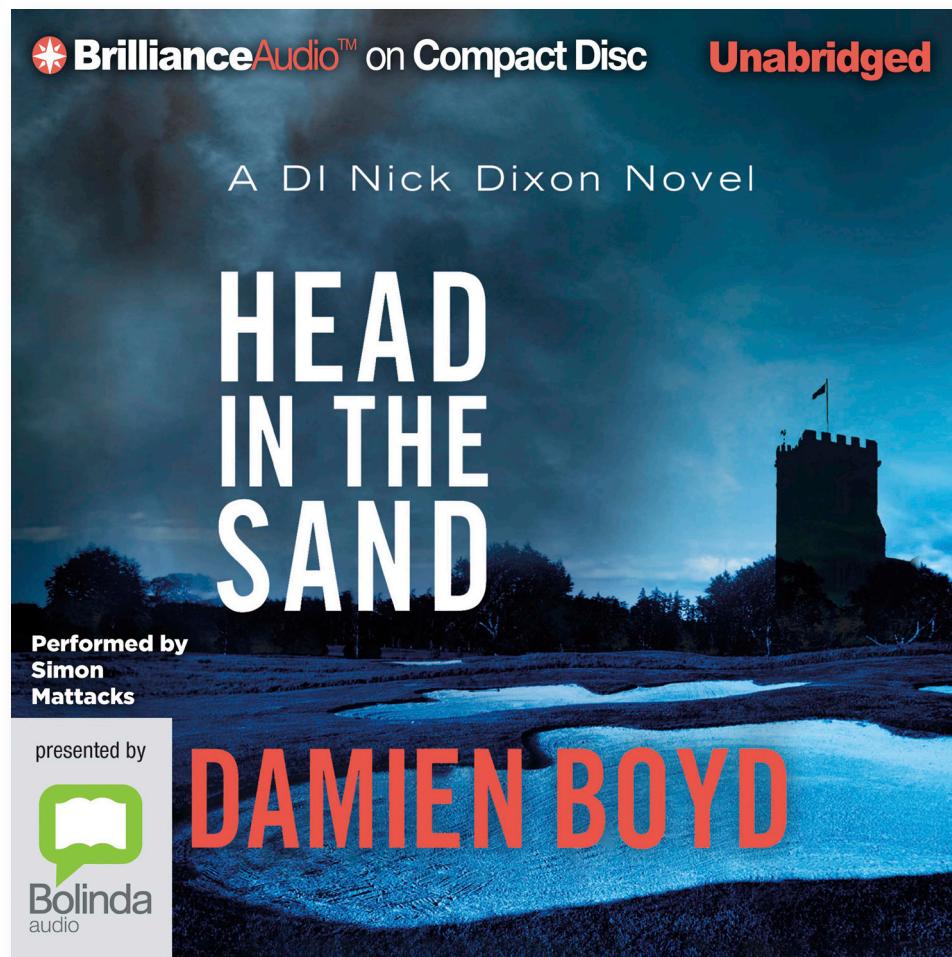
DI Nick Dixon Crime #2

Damien Boyd

Read by Simon Mattacks

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024



The second instalment in the highly acclaimed DI Nick Dixon Crime Series by bestselling author Damien Boyd.

The discovery of a severed head in a golf course bunker triggers a frantic race to find a serial killer that brings the town of Burnham-on-Sea to a standstill.

A connection is made with a series of unsolved murders harking back to the 1970s, and Detective Inspector Nick Dixon finds himself caught in a race against time that takes him the length and breadth of the country.

The brutal killing of an elderly man raises the stakes and, as he closes in, Dixon begins to question whether he is chasing one serial killer or two.

Damien Boyd is a former solicitor turned crime fiction writer

Drawing on extensive experience of criminal law as well as a spell in the Crown Prosecution Service, Boyd writes fast paced crime thrillers featuring Detective Inspector Nick Dixon

'Head in the Sand is another thrilling crime fiction by Damien Boyd ... very fast-paced ... and involves a very great detective.' – The Blacksheep Project

'I am pleased to report it didn't disappoint.' – Literary Week

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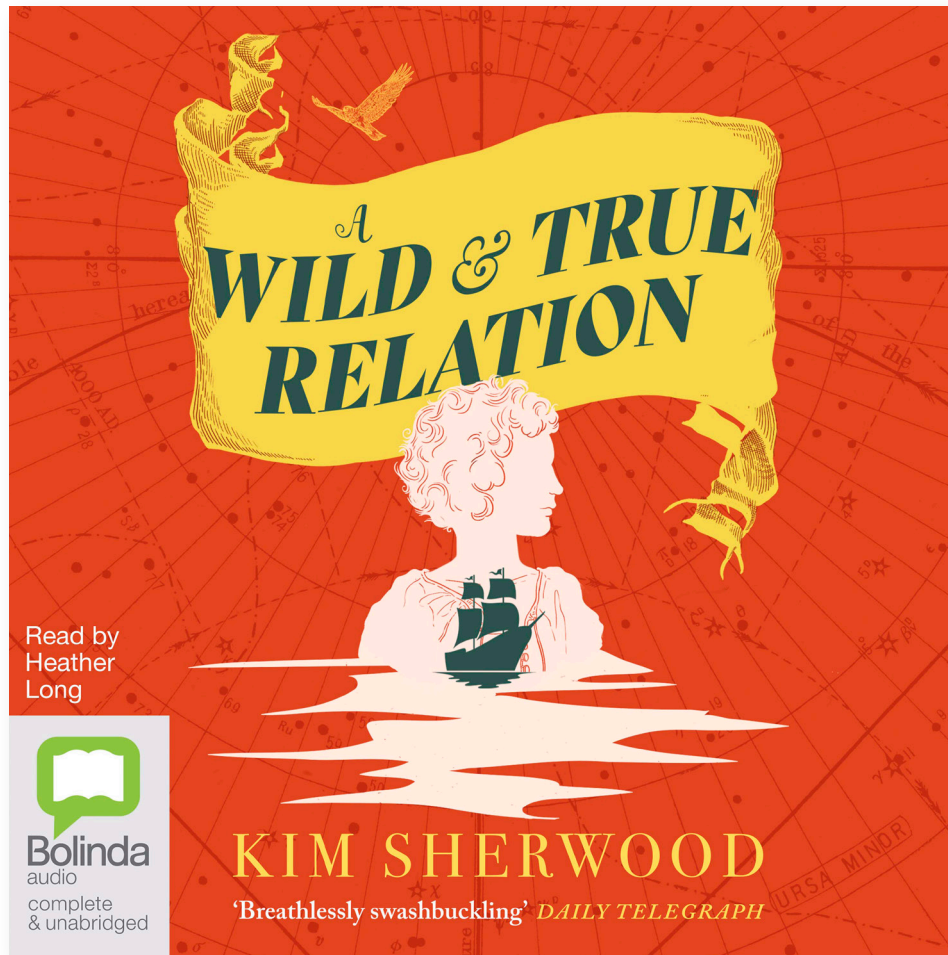
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A Wild & True Relation

Kim Sherwood

Read by Heather Long



A ground-breaking literary historical fiction by the award-winning author of *Testament* and *Double or Nothing*, the new Bond series.

A Wild & True Relation opens during the Great Storm of 1703, as smuggler Tom West confronts his lover Grace for betraying him to the Revenue. Leaving Grace's cottage in flames, he takes her orphaned daughter Molly on board ship disguised as a boy to join his crew. But Molly, or Orlando as she must call herself, will grow up to outshine all the men of Tom's company and seek revenge – and a legacy – all of her own.

Woven into Molly's story are the writers – from Celia Fiennes and George Eliot to Daniel Defoe and Charles Dickens – who are transfixed by her myth and who, over three centuries, come together to solve the mystery of her life. With extraordinary verve, Sherwood remakes the 18th-century novel and illuminates women's writing and women's roles throughout history.

Kim Sherwood is the author of *Testament*, which won the Bath Novel Award and the *Harper's Bazaar* Big Book of the Year Award, and was shortlisted for the Author's Club Best First Novel Award

In 2019, Sherwood was shortlisted for the *Sunday Times* Young Writer of the Year Award

Sherwood's title *Double or Nothing* was the first in a trilogy commissioned by the Ian Fleming Estate to expand the world of James Bond

'Vividly imagined, relentlessly entertaining, rich and resonant in scope and context, it's both a thrilling adventure and a vital witness to women's voices.' – Emma Stonex, author of *The Lamplighters*

'Rich and immersive.' – *Sunday Times*

Talonsister

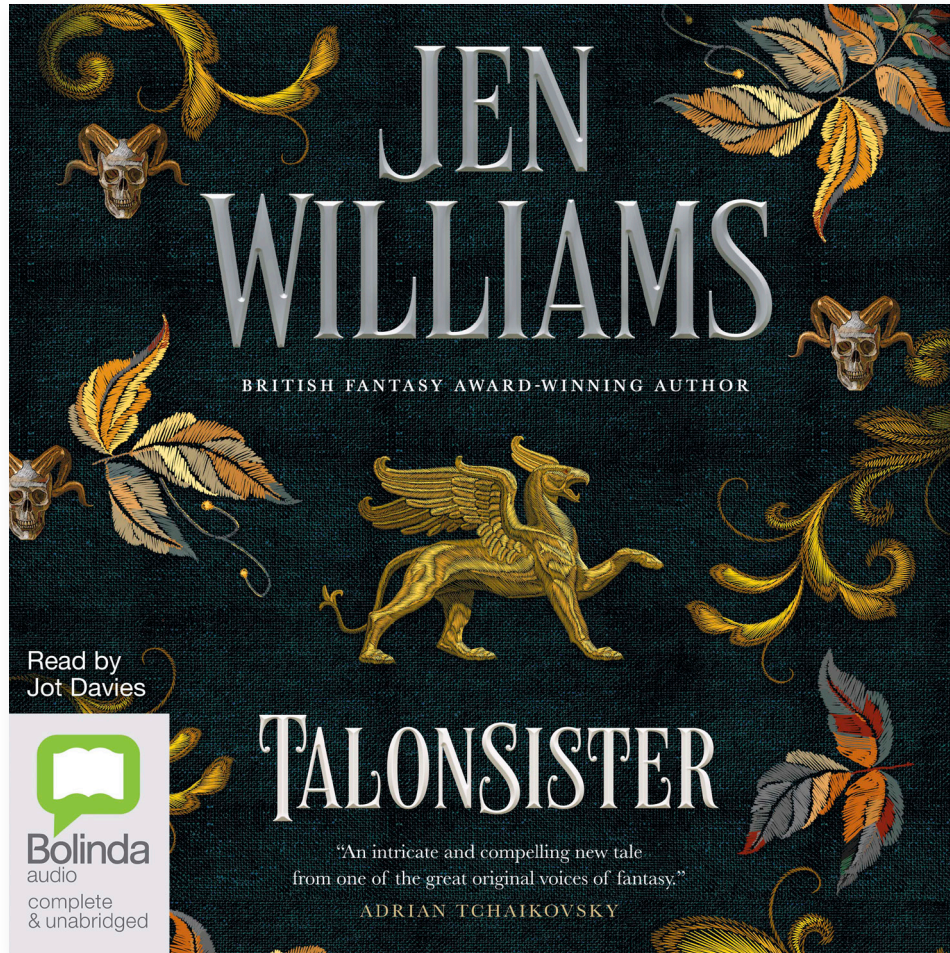
Talonsister #1

Jen Williams

Read by Jot Davies

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2024



Uncover a world of mythical creatures, ruthless religion and a magical past that refuses to be forgotten, perfect for fans of Samantha Shannon, John Gwynne and Andrea Stewart.

When soldier Leven was transformed into a Herald – a magical killing machine in the Imperium’s brutal conquests – her mind was wiped clean. But strange visions still show her glimpses of the ancient and mysterious island of Brittletrain. Now, with the war won and the Imperium satisfied, she wants to find out who she really is.

Envoy Kaeto has done a number of important little jobs for the Imperium, most of them nasty, all of them in the shadows. His newest assignment is to escort the bone-crafter Gynid Tyleigh as she travels across the Imperium. But Tyleigh’s ambition alarms even Kaeto, and her conviction that she has found a new source of Titan bones, buried deep in the earth, could lead to another, even bloodier war.

Ynis was raised by the griffins and has never seen another human face. She lives wild on Brittletrain with her talonsister, T’rook. By choosing not to kill Ynis when she was just a baby, the griffins may have doomed themselves – because the girl’s past is coming for her, and it carries a lethal blade ...

In 2015, Jen Williams was nominated for Best Newcomer in the British Fantasy Awards

Williams has published two trilogies, The Copper Cat series and The Winoing Flame series, and has won multiple British Fantasy Awards

‘An intricate and compelling new tale from one of the great original voices of fantasy. Full of fascinating ideas, engaging characters and magic.’ – Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *Children of Time*

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Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024

The Chateau

Jaclyn Goldis

Read by a Full Cast

A dream girls trip to a luxurious French chateau devolves into a deadly nightmare of secrets and murder in this stylish, twisty thriller for fans of Lucy Foley, Ruth Ware and Lisa Jewell.

Welcome to picturesque Provence, where the Lady of the Chateau, Séraphine Demargelasse, has opened its elegant doors to her granddaughter Darcy and three friends. Twenty years earlier, the four girlfriends studied abroad together in France and visited the old woman on the weekends, creating the group's deep bond. But why this sudden invitation?

Amid winery tours, market visits and fancy dinners overlooking olive groves and lavender fields, it becomes clear that each woman has a hidden reason for returning to the estate after all these years. Then, following a wild evening's celebration, Séraphine is found brutally murdered.

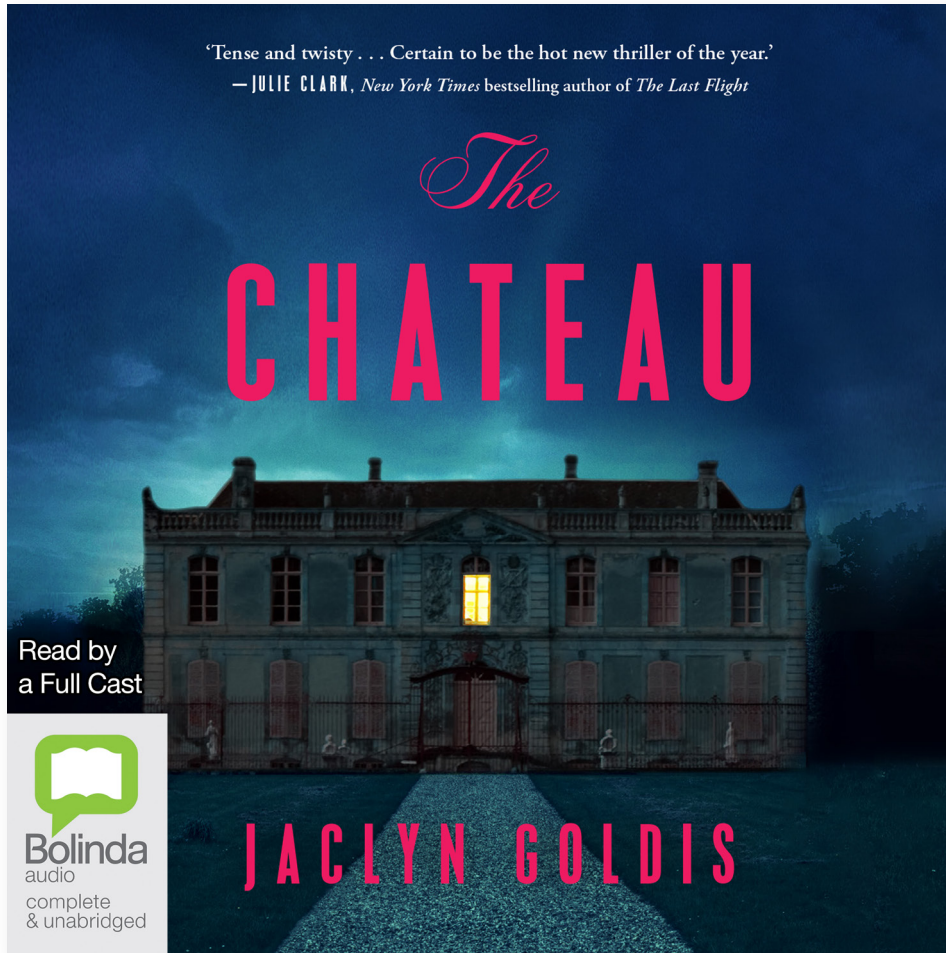
As they race to uncover who murdered Séraphine – and is now stalking them – the friends begin to suspect each other. Because the chateau houses many secrets ... several worth killing for.

Jaclyn Goldis is a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and NYU School of Law. She practiced estate planning law at a large Chicago firm for seven years before leaving her job to travel the world and write novels

Goldis is the author of the historical women's fiction, *When We Were Young*

'A twisty delight of a mystery set in the perfect location. Written with lavish detail, lively prose and one unfurled secret after another, *The Chateau* is a thriller to savor.' – Tosca Lee, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Line Between*

'Jaclyn Goldis brilliantly balances sensuality and suspense. Brilliantly done.' – Sarah Penner, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lost Apothecary*



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One of the Good Guys

Araminta Hall

Read by a Full Cast



A scorching feminist thriller from Araminta Hall - If most men say they're one of the good guys, then why are so many women afraid to walk alone at night ... ?

Cole is the perfect husband: a romantic, supportive of his wife, Mel's career, keen to be a hands-on dad, not a big drinker. A good guy.

So when Mel leaves him, he's floored. She was lucky to be with a man like him.

Craving solitude, he accepts a job on the coast and quickly settles into his new life where he meets reclusive artist Lennie.

Lennie has made the same move for similar reasons. She is living in a crumbling cottage on the edge of a nearby cliff. It's an undeniably scary location, but sometimes you have to face your fears to get past them.

As their relationship develops, two young women go missing while on a walk protesting gendered violence, right by where Cole and Lennie live. Finding themselves at the heart of a police investigation and media frenzy, it soon becomes clear that they don't know each other very well at all.

This is what happens when women have had enough ...

Araminta Hall has worked as a writer, journalist and teacher

Hall's first novel, *Everything & Nothing*, was published in 2011 and became a Richard & Judy read that year

'Araminta is one of the most daring and intriguing writers working today. This is a resonant, razor-laced and dangerously glittering novel.' – Gillian Flynn, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gone Girl*

'An absolutely thrilling tale, full of breathless cliffside terror and fresh feminist theory masked in tight, propulsive mystery. I devoured this book.' – Lisa Taddeo, author of *Three Women*

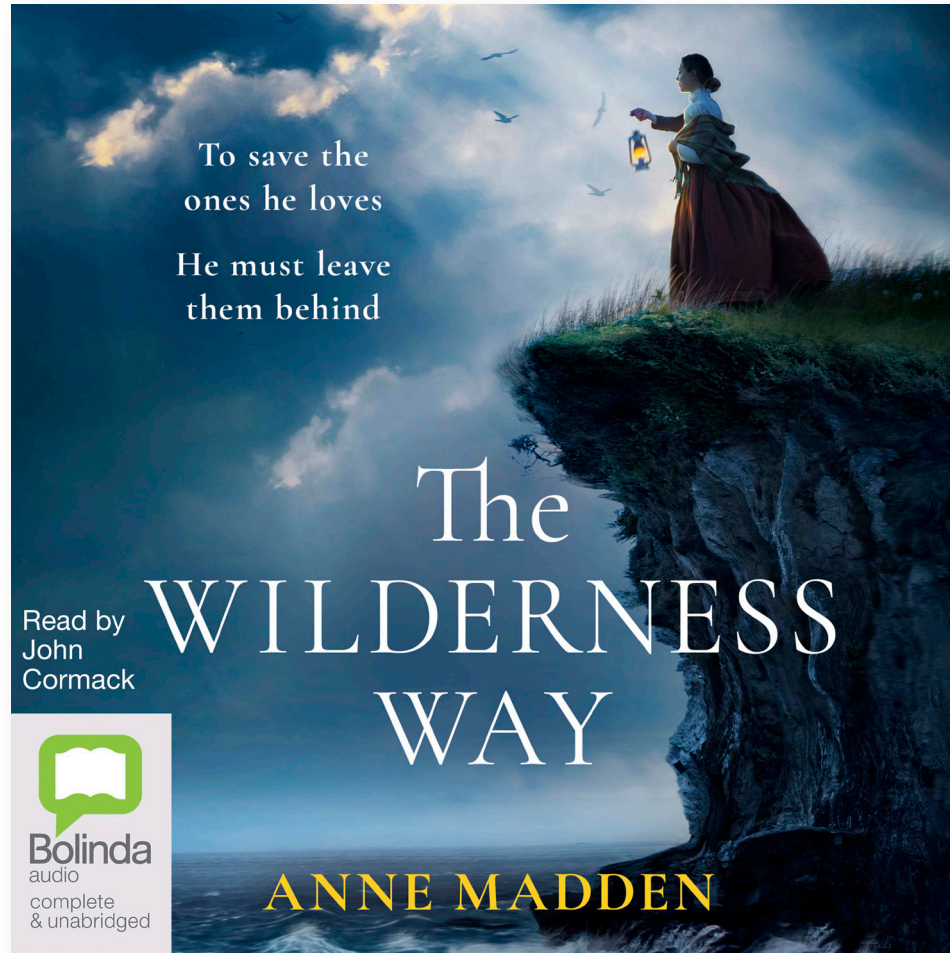
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Historical Fiction | February 2024

The Wilderness Way

Anne Madden

Read by John Cormack



Set against the wild landscapes of Ireland and the turbulent times of the American Civil War, this sweeping narrative takes us on an epic journey to understand the strength and endurance of the human spirit.

1861, Donegal, Ireland.

Ten years ago Declan Conaghan's father died in the Great Famine, and since then, Declan has kept his promise to keep his family out of the workhouse. But all that is threatened with the arrival of new landlord, John Adair. Adair is quick to cause trouble and fear among his tenants. When he turns them off his land, Declan has no option but to break his promise ...

Declan is in despair until he receives a letter from America offering him the chance of a new life and salvation for his family. But it would mean signing up to the US Army and fighting for Lincoln. Despite knowing nothing of war, or US politics, Declan leaves behind all he knows.

The Wilderness Way is inspired by a true story

Anne Madden is a Modern History graduate from Somerville College, Oxford, where her specialty subject was Slavery, Emancipation and the American Civil War

Madden has worked as a news journalist for *The Irish News* and *Belfast Telegraph*, and in communications for a number of charities

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A River of Golden Bones

The Golden Court #1

A.K. Mulford

Read by Vico Ortiz

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2024

From bestselling author and TikTok sensation A.K. Mulford comes the first enchanting book in the all-new Golden Court trilogy.

Twins Calla and Briar have spent their entire lives hiding from the powerful sorceress who destroyed their kingdom ... and from the humans who don't know they are Wolves. Each twin has their own purpose in life – Briar's is to marry the prince of an ally pack and save the Golden Court. Calla's purpose is to remain a secret, her twin's shadow ... the backup plan.

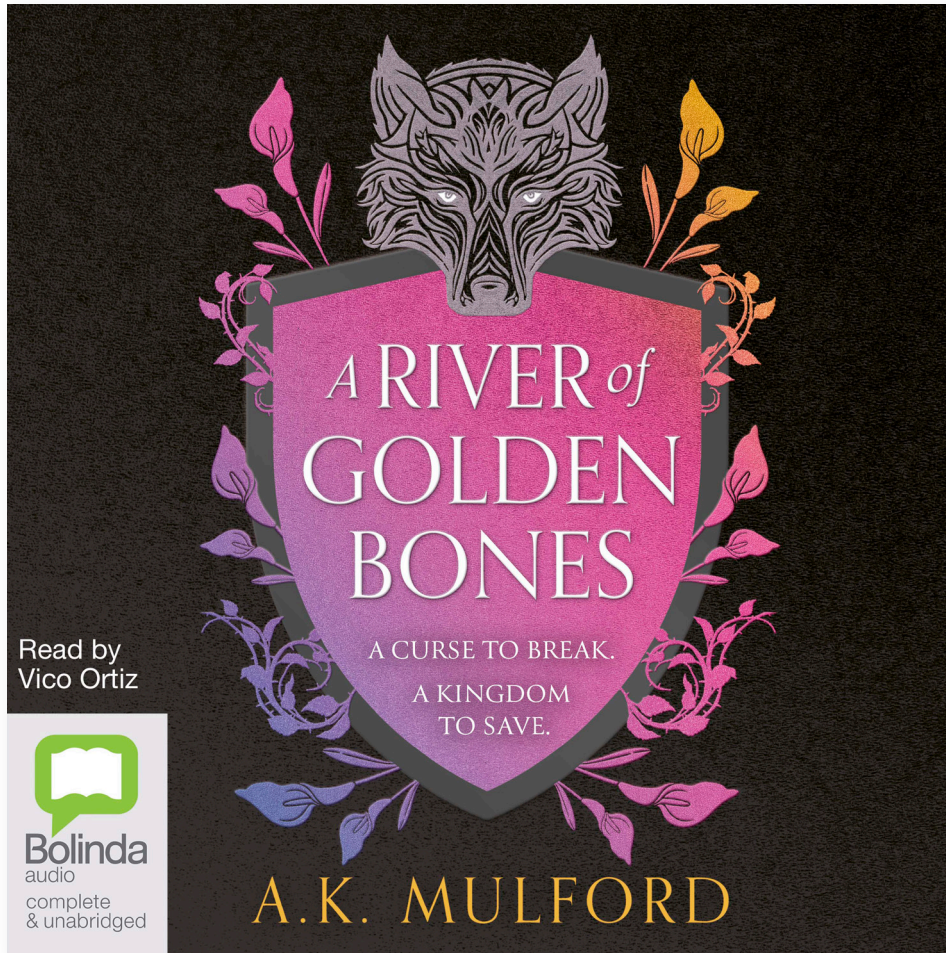
No one knows who Calla truly is except for her childhood friend – and sister's betrothed – the distractingly handsome Prince Grae. But when Calla and Briar journey out of hiding for Briar's wedding, all of their well-made plans go awry. The evil sorceress is back with another sleeping curse for the last heir to the Golden Court.

Calla must step out of the shadows to save their sister, their kingdom and their own legacy. Continuing to hide as a human and denying who she truly is, Calla embarks on a quest across the realm, discovering a whole world she never knew existed.

A.K. Mulford is the bestselling fantasy author of The Five Crowns of Okrih series and former wildlife biologist who swapped rehabilitating monkeys for writing novels

Mulford is inspired to create diverse stories that transport listeners to new realms, making them fall in love with fantasy for the first time or all over again

'Mulford combines steamy scenes with palace intrigue and fearsome battles. This fantasy romance is recommended for all public-library collections.' – Booklist (on *The Rogue Crown*)



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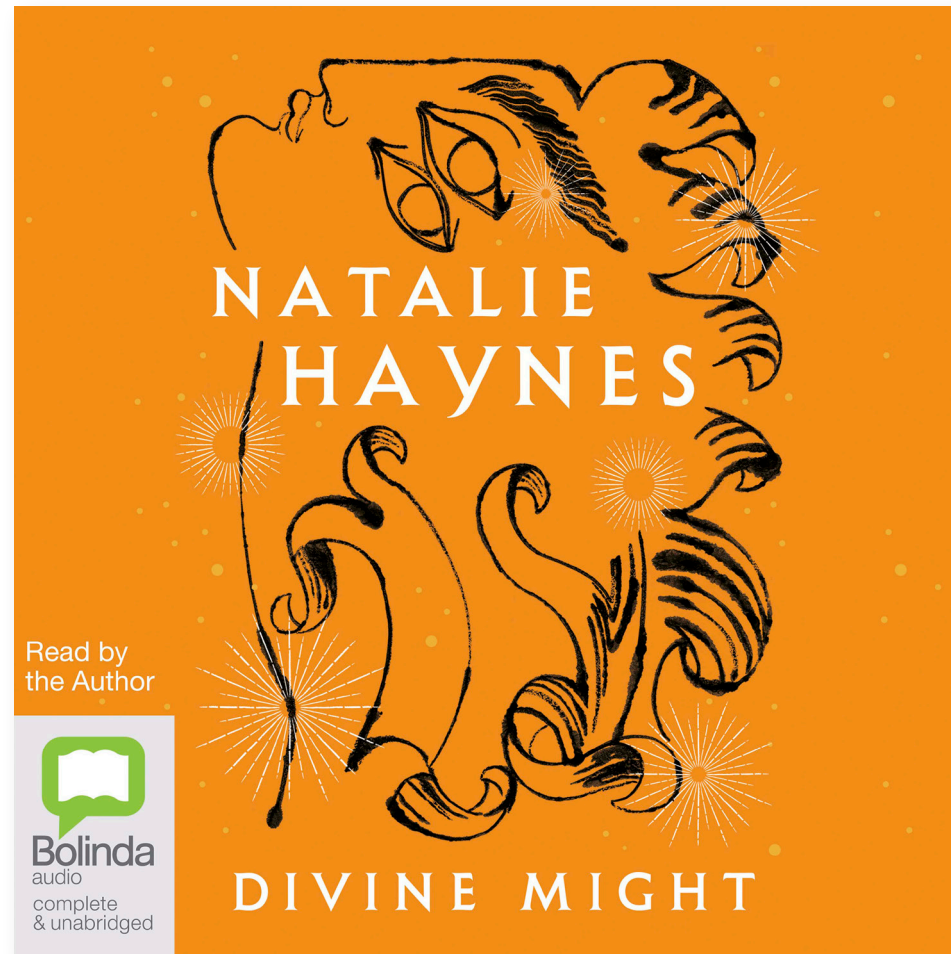
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Historical Fiction | February 2024

Divine Might

Natalie Haynes

Read by the Author



Natalie Haynes, author of the bestselling *Pandora's Jar*, returns to the world of Greek myth, this time examining the role of the goddesses.

We meet Athene, who sprang fully formed from her father's head – goddess of war and wisdom, guardian of Athens. We run with Artemis, goddess of hunting and protector of young girls (apart from those she decides she wants as a sacrifice). Here is Aphrodite, goddess of sex and desire – there is no deity more determined and able to make you miserable if you annoy her. And then there's the queen of all the Olympian gods – Hera, Zeus's long-suffering wife, whose jealousy of his dalliances with mortals, nymphs and goddesses lead her to wreak elaborate, vicious revenge on those who have wronged her.

We also meet Demeter, goddess of agriculture and mother of the kidnapped Persephone, we sing the immortal song of the Muses and we warm ourselves with Hestia, goddess of the hearth and sacrificial fire. The Furies carry flames of another kind – black fires of vengeance for those who incur their wrath.

These goddesses are as mighty, revered and destructive as their male counterparts. Isn't it time we looked beyond the columns of a ruined temple to the awesome power within?

Natalie Haynes is the author of *The Amber Fury*, *The Children of Jocasta*, *A Thousand Ships*, which was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2020, and *Stone Blind*

Haynes's non-fiction title about women in Greek myth, *Pandora's Jar*, was a bestseller in both the UK and the US

In 2015 Haynes was awarded the Classical Association Prize for her work in bringing Classics to a wider audience

'Cheerfully erudite ... academically rigorous ... combining immense scholarship with a sarky easy-going tone.' – The Times

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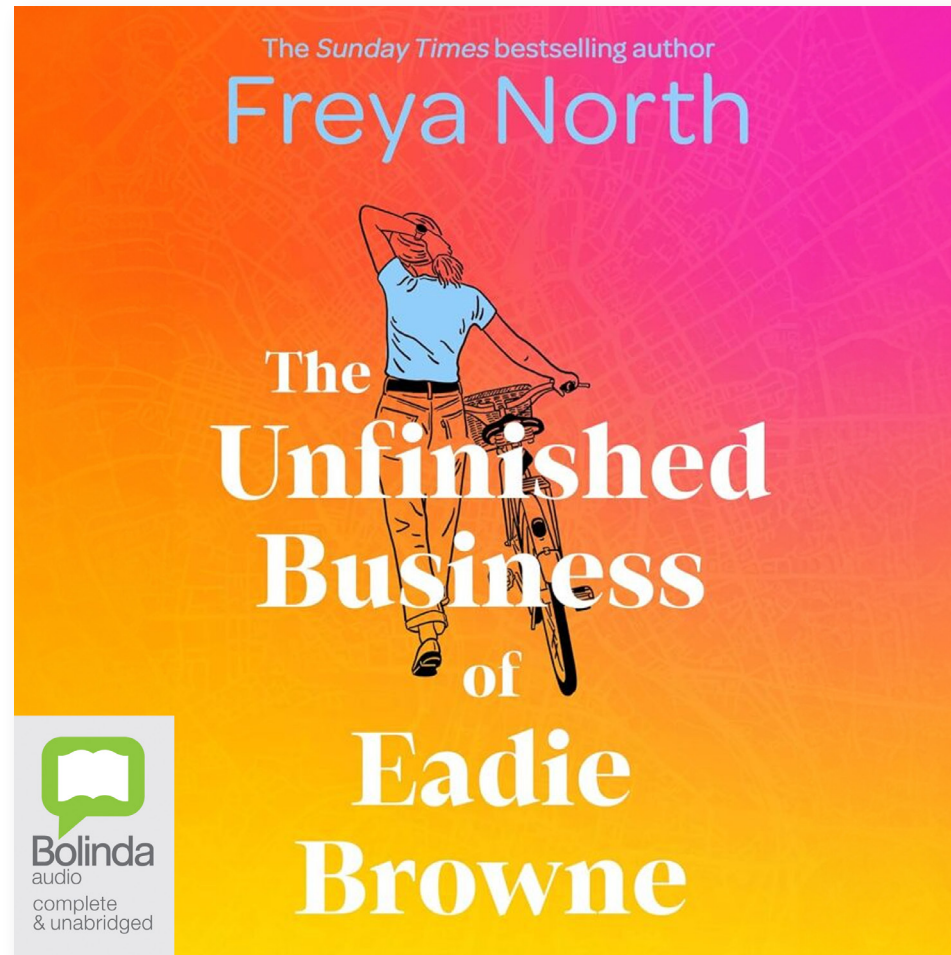
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The Unfinished Business of Eadie Browne

Freya North

Read by Amanda Abbingdon

Adult New Release
Contemporary Fiction | February 2024



A powerful love letter to youth from *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Little Wing*, read by celebrity voice, *Amanda Abbingdon*.

Eadie Browne is an odd child with unusual parents, living in a strange house neighbouring the local cemetery. Bullied at school – but protected by her two best friends Celeste and Josh, and her many imaginary friends lying six feet under next door – Eadie muddles her way through.

Arriving in Manchester as a student in the late 1980s, Eadie confronts a busy, gritty Victorian metropolis a far cry from the small Garden City she's left behind. Soon enough she experiences a novel freedom she never imagined and it's seductive. She can be who she wants to be, do as she pleases, and no one back home needs to know. As Manchester embraces the dizzying, colourful euphoria of Rave counterculture, Eadie is swept along, blithely ignoring danger and reality. Until, one night, her past comes hurtling at her with ramifications which will continue into her adult life.

Now, as the new Millennium beckons, Eadie is turning 30 with a marriage in tatters. She must travel back to where she once lived for a funeral she can't quite comprehend.

Freya North is one of the UK's bestselling writers, her titles having sold over two million copies

North is the bestselling author of *Chloe*, *Polly*, *Cat*, *Fen*, *Pip*, *Love Rules*, *Home Truths*, *Pillow Talk* and *Little Wing*

In 2008, North won the RNA Book of the Year award with *Pillow Talk*

'One of our best writers of feisty female fiction.' – *Sunday Express* (on *Pip*)

'So cleverly plotted.' – Graham Norton, author of *Forever Home* (on *Little Wing*)

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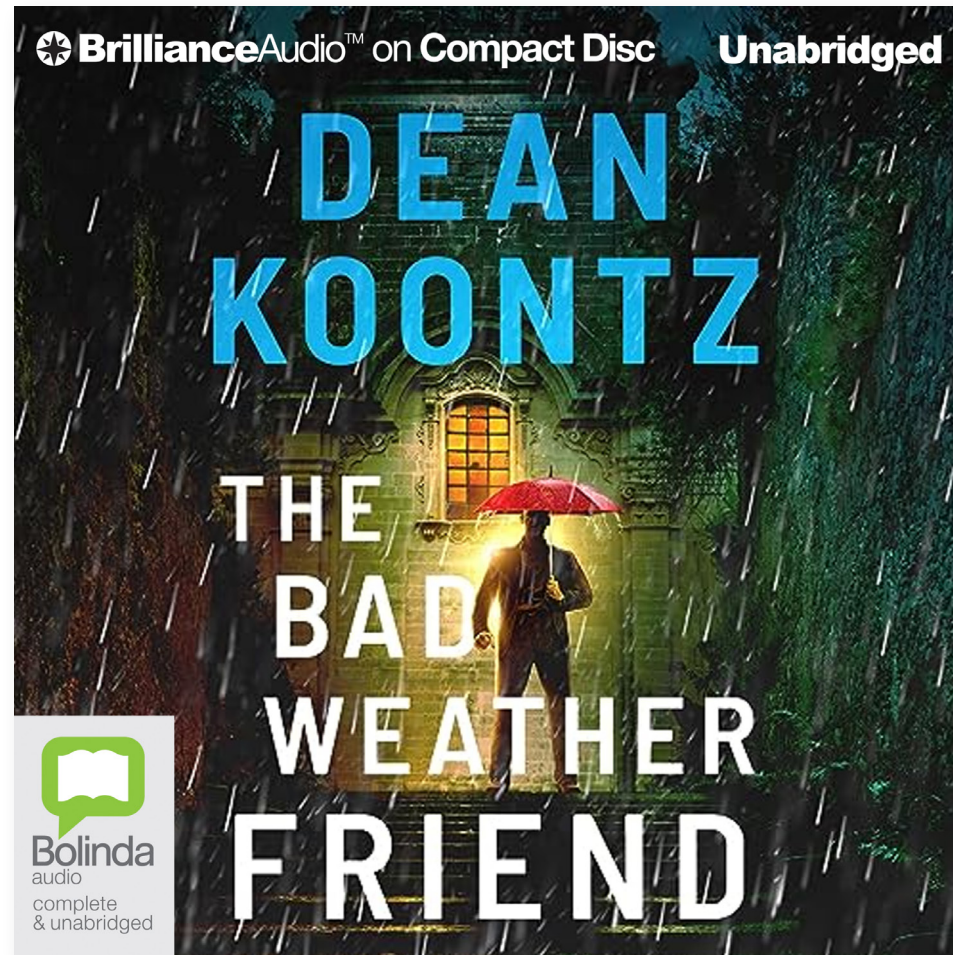
Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024

The Bad Weather Friend

Dean Koontz

Narrator to come



Benny is so nice they feel compelled to destroy him, but he has a friend who should scare the hell out of them in this breathtaking new kind of thriller by #1 *New York Times* bestselling master of suspense Dean Koontz.

Benny Catspaw's perpetually sunny disposition is tested when he loses his job, his reputation, his fiancée and his favourite chair. He's not paranoid. Someone is out to get him. He just doesn't know who or why. Then Benny receives an inheritance from an uncle he's never heard of – a giant crate and a video message. All will be well in time.

How strange – though it's a blessing, his uncle promises. Stranger yet is what's inside the crate. He's a seven-foot-tall self-described 'bad weather friend' named Spike whose mission is to help people who are just too good for this world. Spike will take care of it. He'll find Benny's enemies. He'll deal with them. This might be satisfying if Spike wasn't such a menacing presence with terrifying techniques of intimidation.

In the company of Spike and a fascinated young waitress-cum-PI-in-training named Harper, Benny plunges into a perilous high-speed adventure, the likes of which never would have crossed the mind of a decent guy like him.

Dean Koontz is the author of *The House at the End of the World*, *The Big Dark Sky*, *Quicksilver*, *The Other Emily*, *Elsewhere*, *Devoted* and 79 *New York Times* bestsellers, 14 of which were #1

Koontz has been hailed by *Rolling Stone* as 'America's most popular suspense novelist', and his titles have been published in 38 languages and sold over 500 million copies worldwide

'A master at the peak of his powers.' – Matt Haig, author of *How to Stop Time* (on *The Crooked Staircase*)

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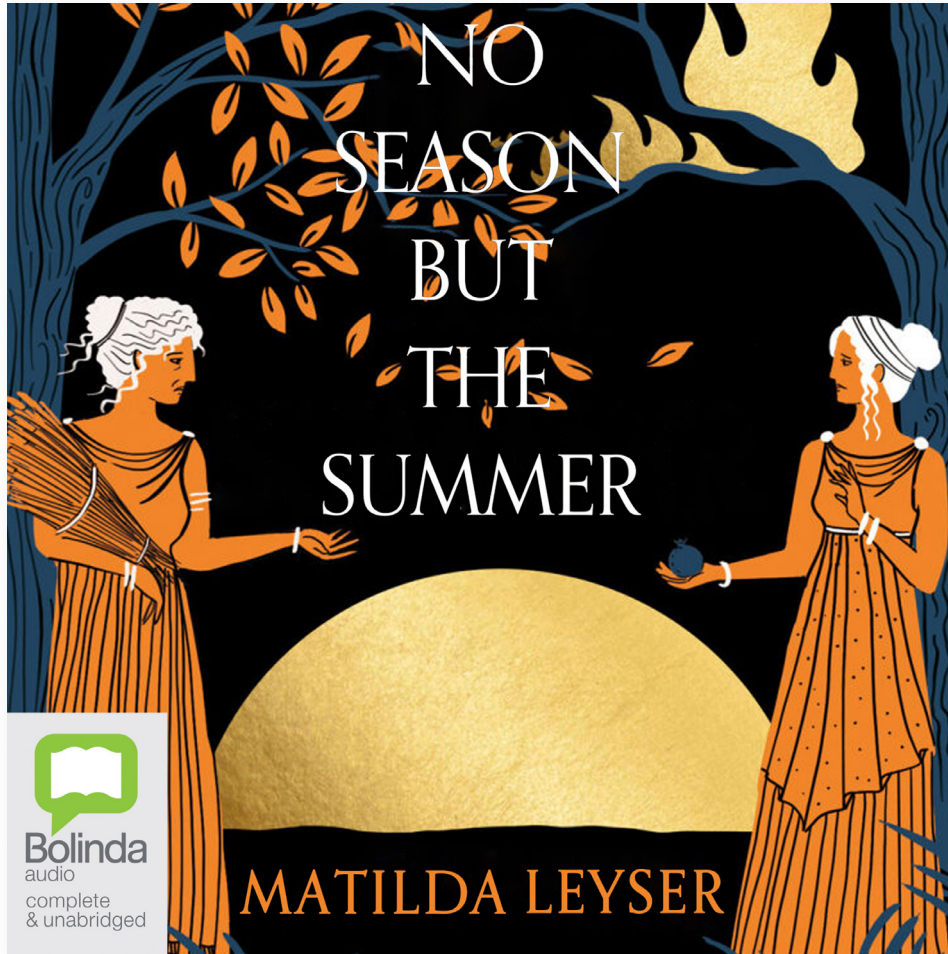
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No Season but the Summer

Matilda Leyser

Read by the Author



No Season but the Summer takes a classic myth and turns it on its head, asking what happens when our oldest stories fail us, when all the rules change.

Persephone spends six months of the year under the ground with her husband, king of the dead, and six months on earth with her mother, goddess of the harvest. It has been this way for 9000 years, since the deal was struck. But when she resurfaces this spring, something is different. Rains lash the land, crops grow out of season or not at all, there are people trying to build a road through the woods, and her mother does not seem able to stop them. The natural world is changing rapidly and even the gods have lost control.

While Demeter tries to regain her powers and fend off her daughter's husband, who wants to drag his queen back underground for good, Persephone finally gets a taste of freedom, joining a group of protestors. Used to blinking up at the world from below, as she looks down on the earth for the very first time from the treetops with activist Snow, Persephone realises that there are choices she can make for herself.

Matilda Leyser is the founder and director of an international movement for creative mothers and carers called M/Others Who Make

Leyser also works as an associate director with Improbable, a world-renowned theatre company

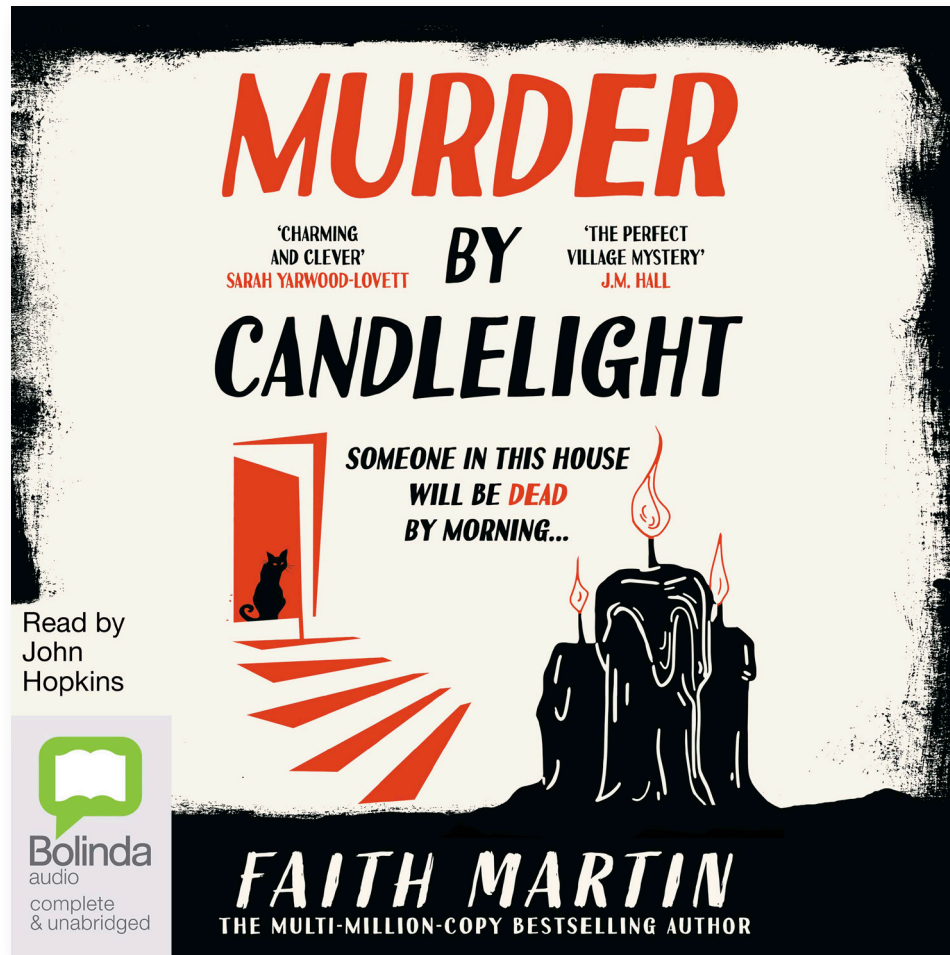
'In No Season but the Summer, our world is still dying, but it is putting up a hell of a fight as it does so, reminding us that we can fight too, and that fighting for our lives might start with listening to the earth.' – Stella Duffy, author of *Theodora*

'What a wonderful writer. Matilda Leyser's work is precise, poetic, hard-edged, rhythmical. It seethes with life, and feels both ancient and brand new.' – David Almond, author of *Skellig*

Murder by Candlelight

Faith Martin

Read by John Hopkins



The gripping new cosy crime thriller from the bestselling author of the Hillary Greene and Ryder and Loveday series.

The Cotswolds, 1924. At the Old Forge in the quiet village of Maybury-in-the-Marsh a cry of anguish rings out – lady of the house Amy Phelps has been discovered dead. But with all the windows and doors to her room locked from inside, how – and by whom – was she killed?

Arbuthnot 'Arbie' Swift finds himself in the unlikely position of detective. The celebrated author of *The Gentleman's Guide to Ghost-Hunting* is staying at the Old Forge to investigate a suspected spectre, but now the more pressing matter of Amy's murder falls to him too.

With old friend Val, he soon uncovers a sorry tale of altered wills, secret love affairs and tragic losses – and plenty of motives for murder. When events take another sinister turn, Arbie must find the killer, fast. And to do so will mean cracking a most perfectly plotted crime ...

Perfect for fans of *The Thursday Murder Club*, *The Appeal* and *The Marlow Murder Club*

Faith Martin is the bestselling author of the Ryder and Loveday mystery series and the DI Hillary Greene series, as well as numerous romantic thrillers

Martin has sold over two million copies around the world

'The perfect village mystery. A golden-age world with an energy that is totally contemporary.' – J.M. Hall, author of *A Spoonful of Murder*

'All the ingredients of a classic mystery – engaging characters and an impossible crime. The story races along like a runaway locomotive ... enormous fun.' – Orlando Murrin, author of *Knife Skills for Beginners*

Read by
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The Library of Heartbeats

Laura Imai Messina

Read by Kenichiro Thomson



From international bestselling author Laura Imai Messina comes a powerful, moving story of grief, hope, friendship and love based around a real archive on an island in Japan, where people travel to record their heartbeats.

On the peaceful Japanese island of Teshima there is a library of heartbeats, a place where the heartbeats of visitors from all around the world are collected. In this small, isolated building, the heartbeats of people who are still alive or have already passed away continue to echo.

Several miles away, in the ancient city of Kamakura, two lonely souls meet: Shuichi, a 40-year-old illustrator, who returns to his home-town to fix up the house of his recently deceased mother, and eight-year-old Kenta, a child who wanders like a shadow around Shuichi's house.

Day by day, the trust between Shuichi and Kenta grows until they discover they share a bond that will tie them together for life. Their journey will lead them to Teshima and to the library of heartbeats ...

Laura Imai Messina is the author of international bestseller *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World*, which was published in 25 countries

Messina teaches at some of the most prestigious Japanese universities, as well as writing for newspapers and working with the Japanese National TV Channel NHK

'Incredibly moving. It will break your heart and soothe your soul.' – Stacey Halls, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Familiars* (on *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World*)

'Absolutely breathtaking.' – Christy Lefteri, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* (on *The Phone Box at the Edge of the World*)

Poppy Takes the Lead

A Poppy Mystery Tale #3

Leigh Russell

Read by Rebecca Norfolk

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024

The third in the heartwarming Poppy Mystery Tales series from million-copy-selling author Leigh Russell.

Emily is living happily in the quaint village of Ashton Mead, where every household is friendly – with one exception. Unlike the other villagers, Silas Strang and his mother are rude and aggressive. The other residents of Ashton Mead live in fear of upsetting the Strangs. When Silas attacks Emily's beloved dog, she decides it is time to confront the bully. Shortly after she threatens Silas, he is murdered. To Emily's dismay, the police regard her as a suspect. The only way she can prove her innocence is by discovering the real killer and proving their guilt.

Assisted by her friends, Hannah and Toby, she sets out to establish the truth, but her enquiries have frightening consequences. Emily finds her life is in danger as she fights to clear her name.

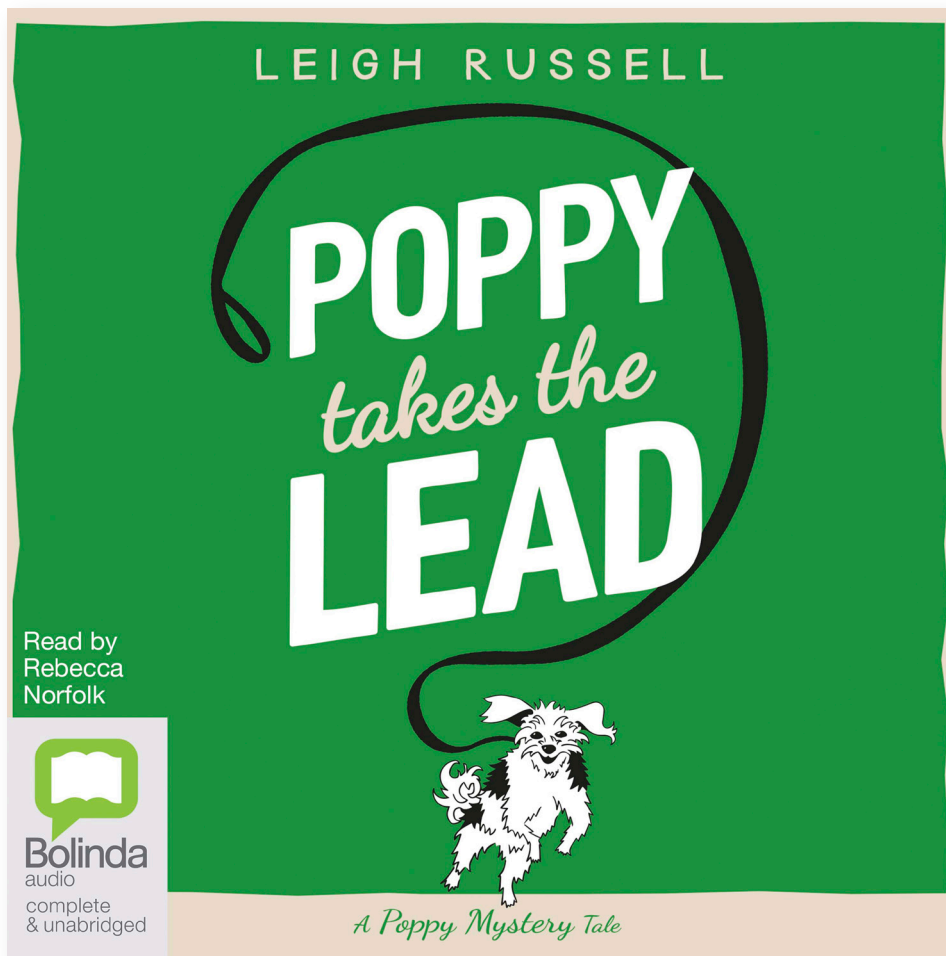
The Poppy Mystery Tales are perfect for fans of Richard Coles' *Murder Before Evensong*, Richard Osman's *The Thursday Murder Club* and SJ Bennett's *The Queen Investigates* series

Leigh Russell is the author of the internationally bestselling DI Geraldine Steel series, which has sold over a million copies worldwide

Russell's work has been nominated for several major awards, including the CWA New Blood Dagger and the CWA Dagger in the Library, and her titles have been optioned by major television production company, Avalon Television

'Leigh Russell is my alternative Martina Cole, writing with the same realism, grit and edge.'
– Helen Fields, international and Amazon #1 bestselling author (on *Deep Cover*)

'Leigh Russell is one to watch.' – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author



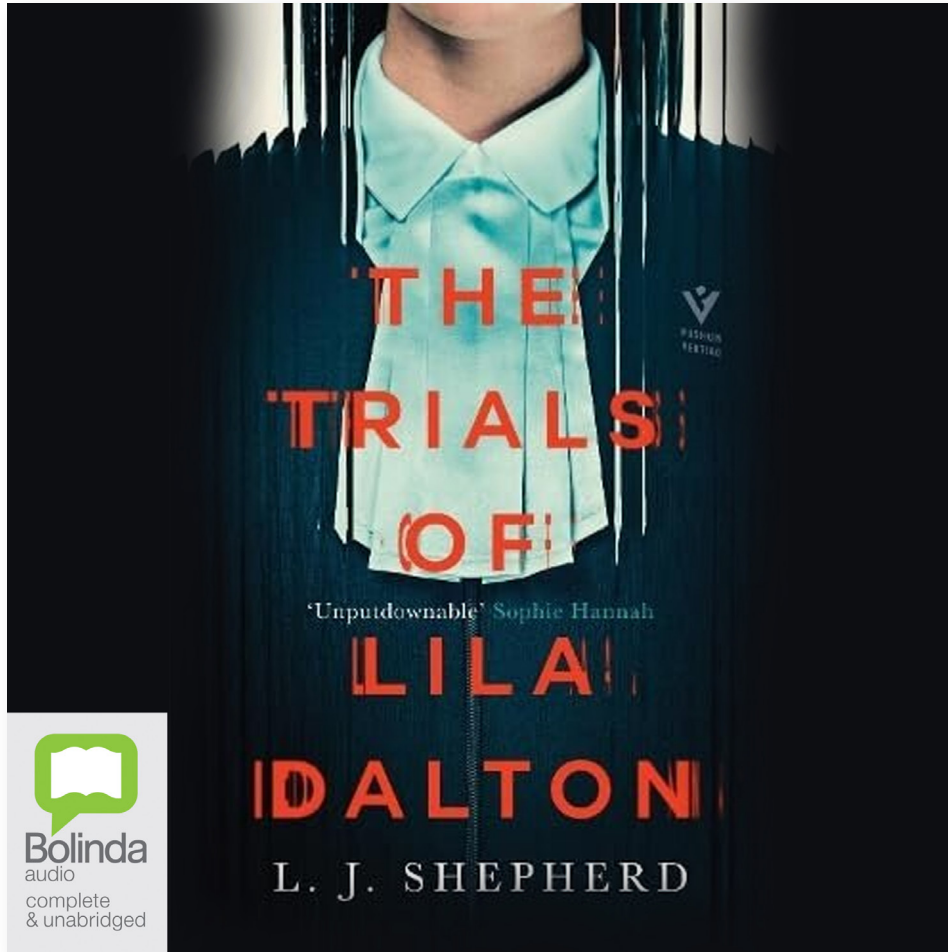
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The Trials of Lila Dalton

Laura Shepherd
Read by Hannah Vanderheide



Shutter Island meets *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* in this inventive and ambitious speculative courtroom thriller by L.J. Shepherd.

Lila Dalton has no memory of how she got to this courtroom. The man in the docks is accused of mass murder, and she's his barrister – but she can't remember anything about the case. She can't remember anything at all.

Lila is stranded on an island hundreds of miles from the UK, where the most serious crimes go to trial. The next plane out doesn't leave for days.

And she's being watched. Someone keeps breaking into her hotel room to leave cryptic notes, threatening her with deadly consequences if she doesn't get her client off ...

Can Lila Dalton win her case and solve the mystery of her own identity?

L.J. Shepherd studied English Literature at Christ Church, University of Oxford. After graduating, she decided to pursue a career in law

Shepherd began practising as a barrister in 2017. Since then, she has prosecuted and defended in many jury trials in the Crown Court

Shepherd is now a Human Rights barrister instructed in high-profile public inquiries

'Unputdownable ...' – Sophie Hannah, author of *The Carrier*

Talking with Psychopaths and Savages

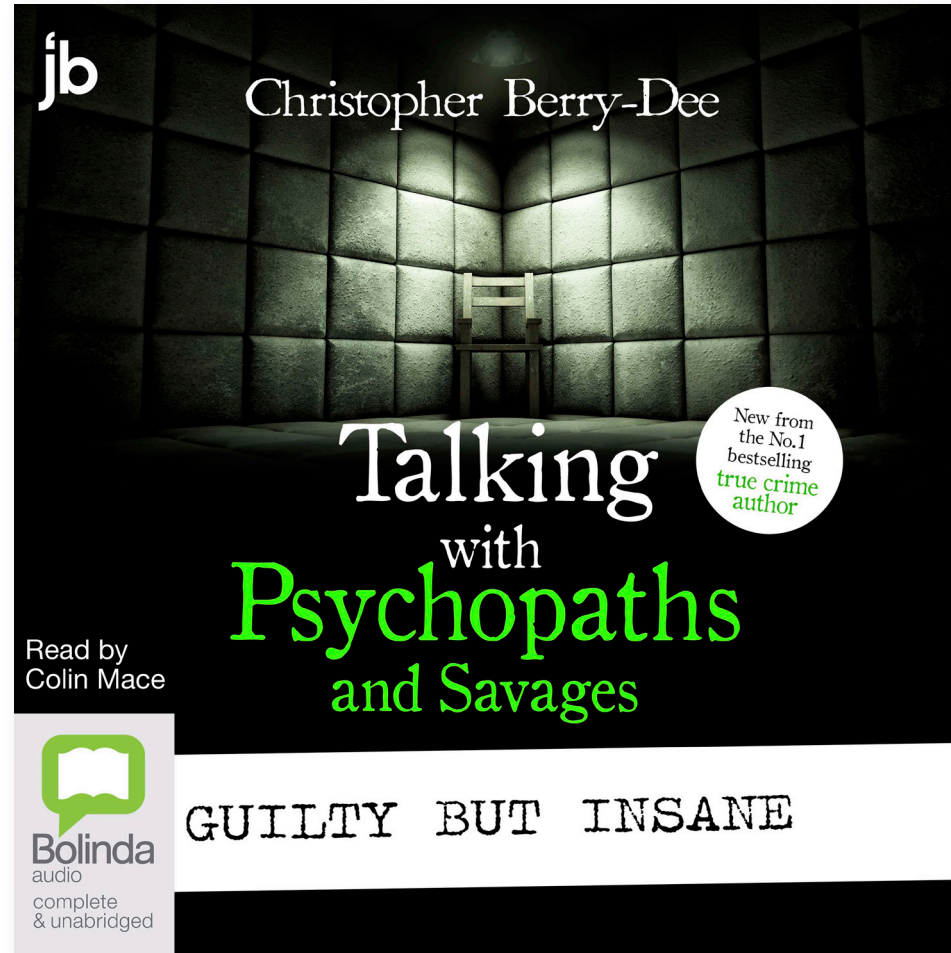
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True Crime | February 2024

Guilty but Insane

Christopher Berry-Dee

Read by Colin Mace



From internationally bestselling writer Christopher Berry-Dee, comes a study of convicted murderers who have attempted to escape justice, and even the death penalty, by entering a plea of insanity – and sometimes succeeded.

In *Talking with Psychopaths and Savages: Guilty but Insane*, criminologist Christopher Berry-Dee turns his cool, forensic eye on killers who have deployed the insanity defence at their trials for murder, whether because they were genuinely insane, or to try to avoid a harsher sentence which, in many countries, may still include the death penalty.

Among the killers – sane or otherwise – discussed in this book are: Noreen O'Connor: in “possessed by a demon?” Daniel M’Naghten: the M’Naghten Rule, Pedro Alonso López: ‘the Monster of the Andes’, Paweł Alojzy Tuchlin: codenamed ‘Scorpion’, William Chester Minor: sanity v. madness, Dr Julio Cesar Mora: a tale with a remarkable twist, Thomas Dee Huskey: ‘the Zoo Man’ and Angus Ronald True: a fractured psyche.

Of those seeking the verdicts ‘guilty but insane’ or ‘not guilty by reason of insanity’, some succeeded, to end their days in secure mental hospitals; others failed, winning only an appointment with the executioner.

Christopher Berry-Dee is an international bestseller and a leading writer on crime and the pathology of criminals

Berry-Dee is the UK’s #1 true-crime author, and also the author of *Talking With Female Serial Killers*

Berry-Dee frequently appears on numerous TV documentaries as a leading authority on serial homicide

‘Terrifying ... true crime at its best.’ – Daily Express (on *The Most Evil People in the World Tell Their Own Stories*)

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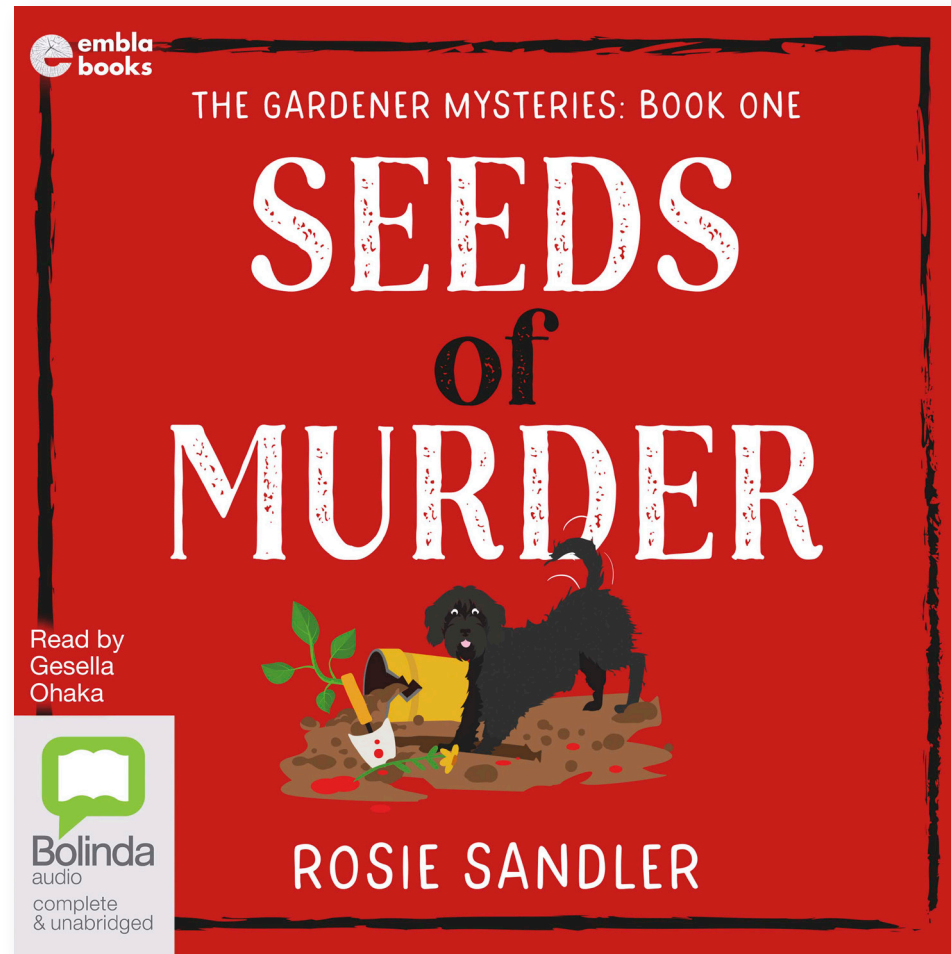
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Seeds of Murder

Rosie Sandler

Read by Gesella Ohaka



Seeds of Murder is the start of a gardening murder mystery series filled with twists and turns that'll keep you guessing right until the very end.

Roses are red. Violets are blue. All the evidence is pointing to you ...

Steph Williams has landed her dream gardening job working for the wealthy, gated community of Beaulieu Heights. With her beloved dog Mouse for company, she's quite content to be left alone to tackle the weeds and tend the flowers.

There might be one resident who keeps a locked shed to which Steph is forbidden access, and secret feuds she happens to overhear, but it's none of her business.

That is, until she's called in front of the neighbourhood committee, accused of blackmailing the residents with notes disclosing their darkest secrets. Now, she's swapping gardening gloves for a detective's notebook, with just ten days to clear her name and save her job.

The seeds of suspicion have been planted. But when Steph's investigation leads her to discover some freshly disturbed earth in the shape of a grave, it becomes a race against time to unearth the true culprit's identity before it's too late ...

Perfect for fans of S.J. Bennet, J.M. Hall and Richard Coles

Rosie Sandler is a creative writer and editor across many genres, including copy for businesses (websites and press releases)

'From the minute I started to read the book I could not put it down. Absolutely incredible reading and such a talented writer.' – Reader review

A World on the Wing

The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds

Scott Weidensaul

Read by Mike Lenz

Adult New Release

Science & Technology | February 2024

An exhilarating exploration of the science and wonder of global bird migration, from *New York Times* bestselling author Scott Weidensaul.

Bird migration remains perhaps the most singularly compelling natural phenomenon in the world. Nothing else combines its global sweep with its inherent ability to engender wonder and excitement.

The past two decades have seen an explosion in our understanding of the almost unfathomable feats of endurance and complexity involved in bird migration – yet the science that informs these majestic journeys is still in its infancy.

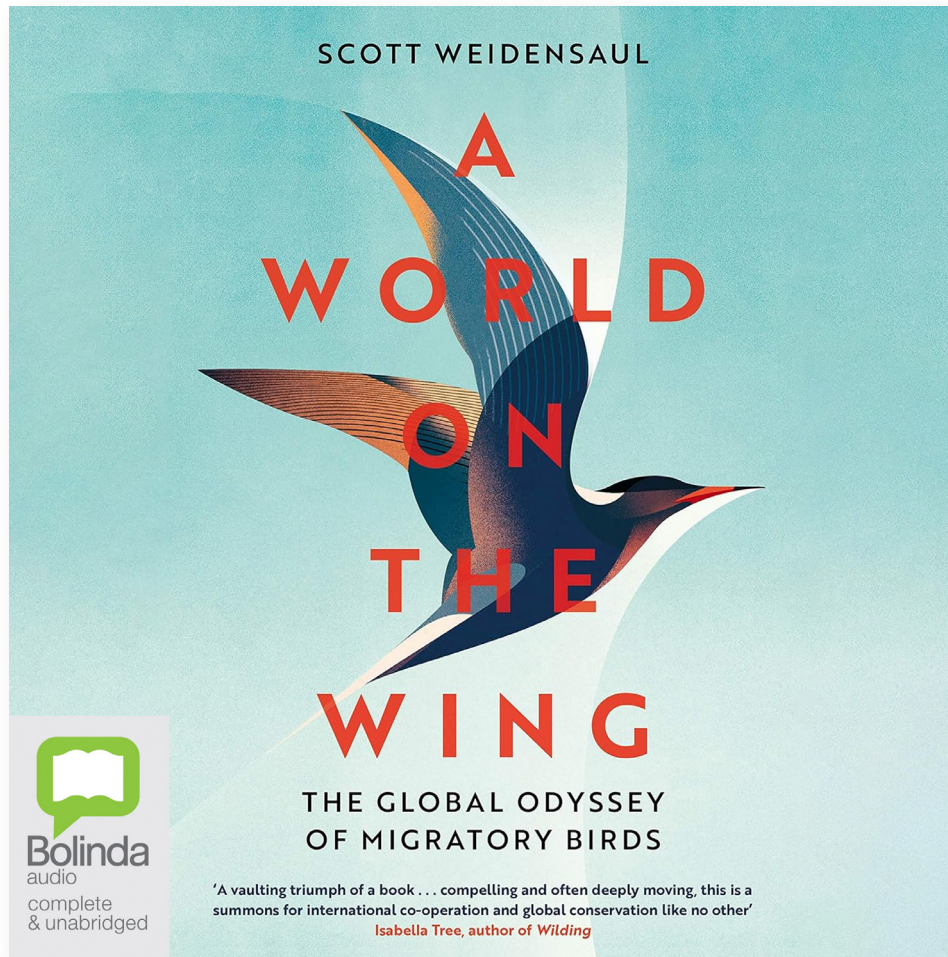
Pulitzer Prize-shortlisted writer-ornithologist Scott Weidensaul is at the forefront of this research, and *A World on the Wing* sees him track some of the most remarkable flights undertaken by birds.

As our world comes increasingly under threat from the effects of climate change, these ecological miracles may provide an invaluable guide to a more sustainable future for all species, including us.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of Pulitzer Prize finalist *Living on the Wind: Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds*

Weidensaul is a contributing editor to *Audubon Magazine*, a columnist for *Bird Watcher's Digest*, has been given numerous awards including the Audubon Award for Environmental Writing and was recently honoured as a prestigious elective member of the American Ornithologists' Union

'Compelling and often deeply moving, this is a summons for international co-operation and global conservation like no other.' – Isabella Tree, award-winning author of *Wilding* and travel writer



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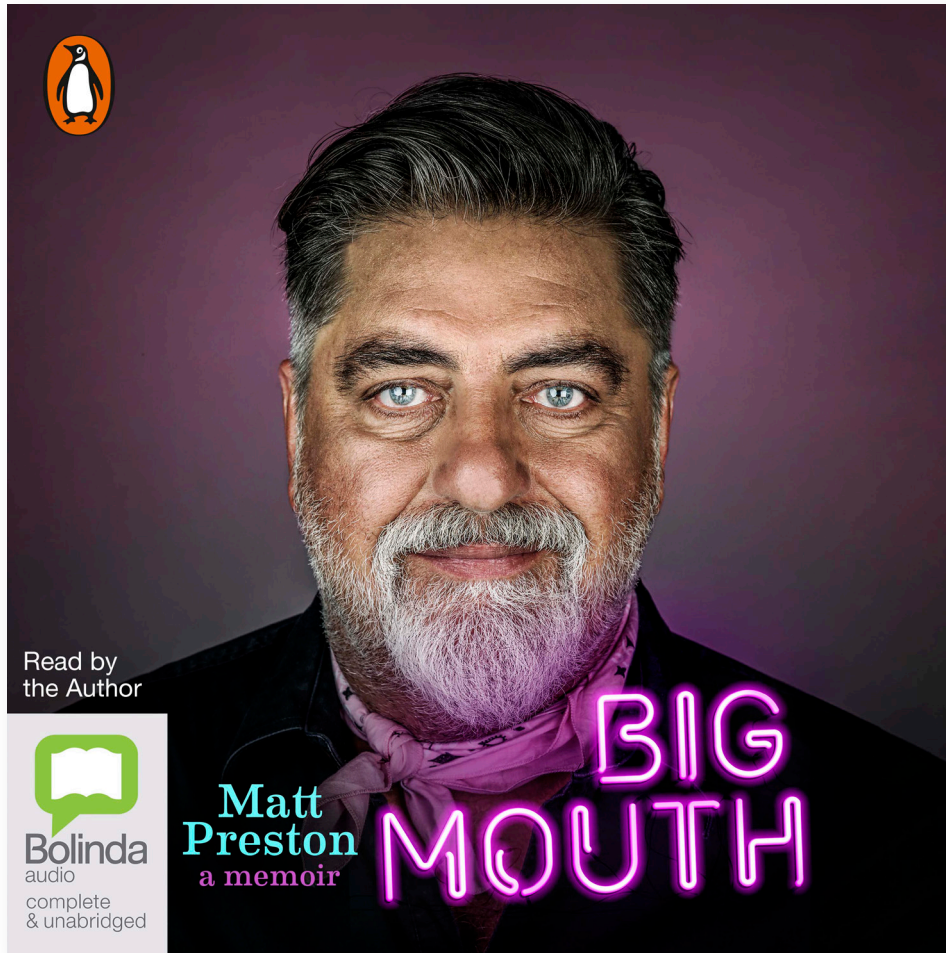
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February new releases 2024

Big Mouth

Matt Preston

Read by the Author



A fresh, exciting, gloriously eccentric memoir from one of the food world's most beloved bon vivants.

A rock'n'roll memoir of life, death and growing up with the occasional scandal.

For a man who has been firmly in the public eye for a decade or more, Matt Preston has been very, very quiet about his past and private life. There are reasons for this. Now, in *Big Mouth*, Matt opens up for the first time about the good and the bad, the tragic and the ecstatic. Like the man himself, it's a story that's joyous, funny and larger than life.

From his adoption, fractured childhood and shocking family tragedies, to his disastrous spell in the British Army, to a misspent youth and burgeoning journalistic career in 1980s London, to relocating to the other side of the world and finding love – Matt writes frankly about it all.

Naturally, food weaves its way through his story at every turn. His most memorable food experiences, from the exquisite and the excellent to the dreary and the dreadful, form the backdrop to this fresh, exciting, gloriously eccentric memoir from one of the food world's most beloved bons vivants.

Matt Preston is an award-winning food journalist, radio presenter and international TV personality

Since 2012, Preston has published eight bestselling cookbooks, most recently *Matt Preston's World of Flavour* in 2021

Over 11 seasons on *MasterChef Australia*, Preston reached an audience of more than 180 million people across 110 countries

Preston writes a weekly column for *Stellar* in the News Corp metro mastheads, seen by over 4 million Australians every week

'Debonair and cultured, this master critic is winning over Australian audiences with his wicked sense of humour.' – Rove McManus (on *Cravat-A-Licious*)

Adult New Release

Australian Fiction | February 2024

Close to Home

Pamela Cook

Read by Alicia Banitt



From bestselling author Pamela Cook comes a captivating story that shows the only thing harder than letting go is moving on.

Orphaned at 13, Charlie Anderson has been on her own for half her life. Not that she minds – she has her work as a vet and most days that's enough. Most days. But when she's sent to a small town on the New South Wales coast to investigate a possible outbreak of the deadly Hendra virus, Charlie finds herself torn between the haunting memories of her past, her dedication to the job and her attraction to a handsome local.

Travelling to Naringup means coming face to face with what is left of her dysfunctional family – her cousin Emma, who begged Charlie not to leave all those years ago, and her aunt Hazel, who let her go without a backwards glance. But it also means relying on the kindness of strangers and, when she meets local park ranger Joel Drummond, opening her heart to the possibility of something more ...

As tensions in the country town rise, can Charlie reconcile with the past and find herself a new future in the town she left so long ago?

Pamela Cook is the author of *All We Dream*, *Cross My Heart*, *The Crossroads* and the *Blackwattle Lake* series

Cook is the host of the *Writes4Women* podcast and teaches writing workshops through her business, *Wildwords*, and at various writers' centres

Cook is also a Writer Ambassador for Room To Read, a not-for-profit organisation promoting literacy and gender equality in developing countries

'The author has captured the delights and nuances of small towns with evocative descriptions of the landscape and environment... entertaining ... a lot of fun.'

– Books+Publishing (on *Blackwattle Lake*)

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From the Heart

The Inspirational Memoir of How a Captain Became a Leader

Trent Cotchin

Read by Paul F. Verhoeven

With unflinching honesty and generosity, Trent Cotchin shares the lessons he learnt in the hope that it will help others to live more authentically.

When Trent Cotchin was handed the reins of Richmond Football Club's team in 2013, he was a 22-year-old star, skilful and fearlessly hard at the ball. Coming off a Brownlow Medal-winning season, he embraced the captaincy and continued his quest to get the most out of himself for the benefit of the club.

Yet by the end of 2016, Cotchin was suffering from serious self-doubt. The media and fans were circling, questioning the club's leadership and culture, demanding answers for their poor performance in finals.

With nothing to lose and facing down his own fear of failure, Cotchin put himself on the line in a new way. He laid himself bare and asked his teammates to do the same. Vulnerability – a foreign word to tough footballers back then – gave the players an incredible connection that resulted in the 2017 premiership, breaking a 37-year drought. Cotchin went on to lead the team to two more flags in 2019 and 2020, cementing his place in Tiger history.

Trent Cotchin is one of the greatest and most decorated players in Richmond Football Club's history, and is their only triple-premiership captain

Taken at pick number two in the 2007 AFL National Draft, Cotchin went on to play 306 games, becoming just the sixth player to reach the 300-game milestone at the Tigers

Cotchin retired at the end of the 2023 season, leaving an impressive legacy of strong leadership at the club and being widely respected as a great ambassador for the game

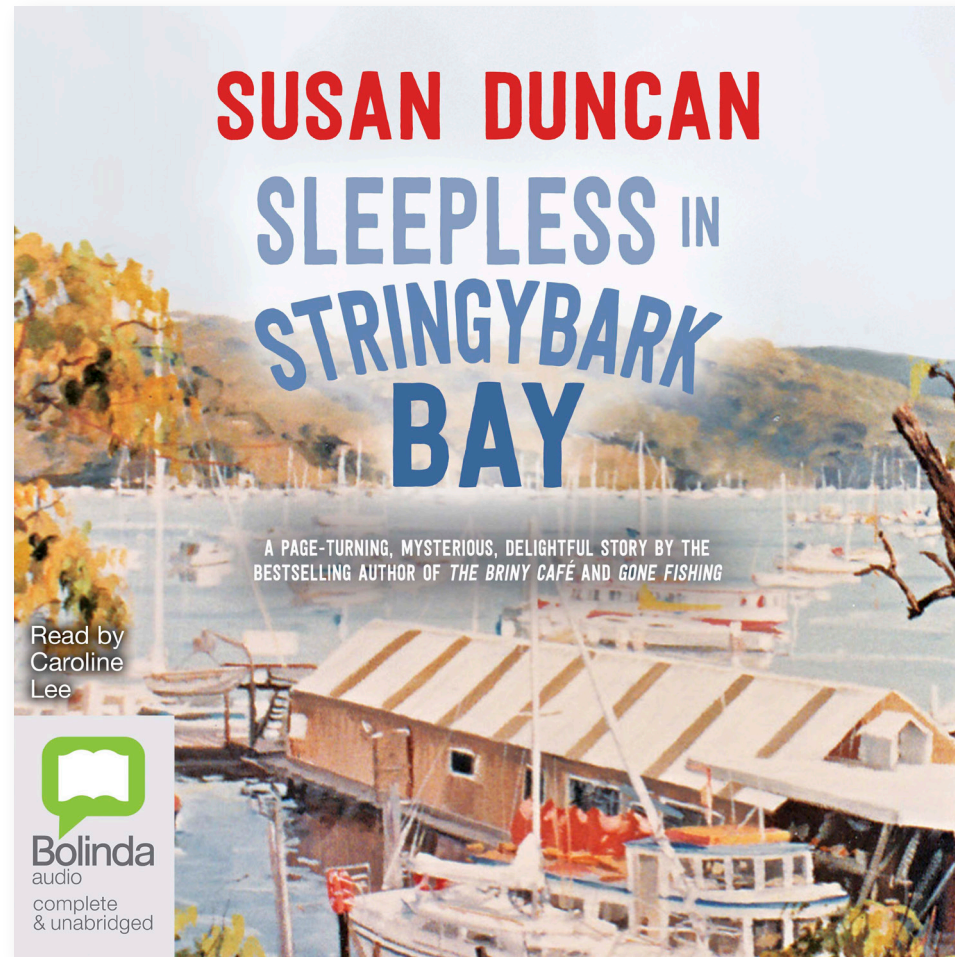
Cotchin is a Brownlow medallist, All Australian and triple Jack Dyer medallist



Sleepless in Stringybark Bay

Susan Duncan

Read by Caroline Lee



A mysterious, funny and delightful story by the bestselling author of *Salvation Creek*, *The Briny Café* and *Gone Fishing*.

When five couples pool their resources to live in a house located where a turquoise lagoon meets the sea, the quirky little offshore community of Cook's Basin is shocked. How will ten people – one in a wheelchair and one with a hauntingly familiar face – survive where the only way in or out is by boat?

When a member of the household is found floating face down in the bay, the police insist the death was accidental but the bizarre circumstances have locals scratching their heads.

Former journalist turned café owner Kate Jackson is curious to discover why a group of retirees in their late 70s would choose such an isolated location. Then a throw-away line in an old magazine story leads to shocking revelations.

Wrapped in the colourful culture of a boat-access-only community, *Sleepless in Stringybark Bay* celebrates having a go at any age, revels in the magic of the bush and explores the fragility of relationships, old and young.

Susan Duncan enjoyed a 25-year career spanning radio, newspaper and magazine journalism, including editing two of Australia's top selling women's magazines, *The Australian Women's Weekly* and *New Idea*

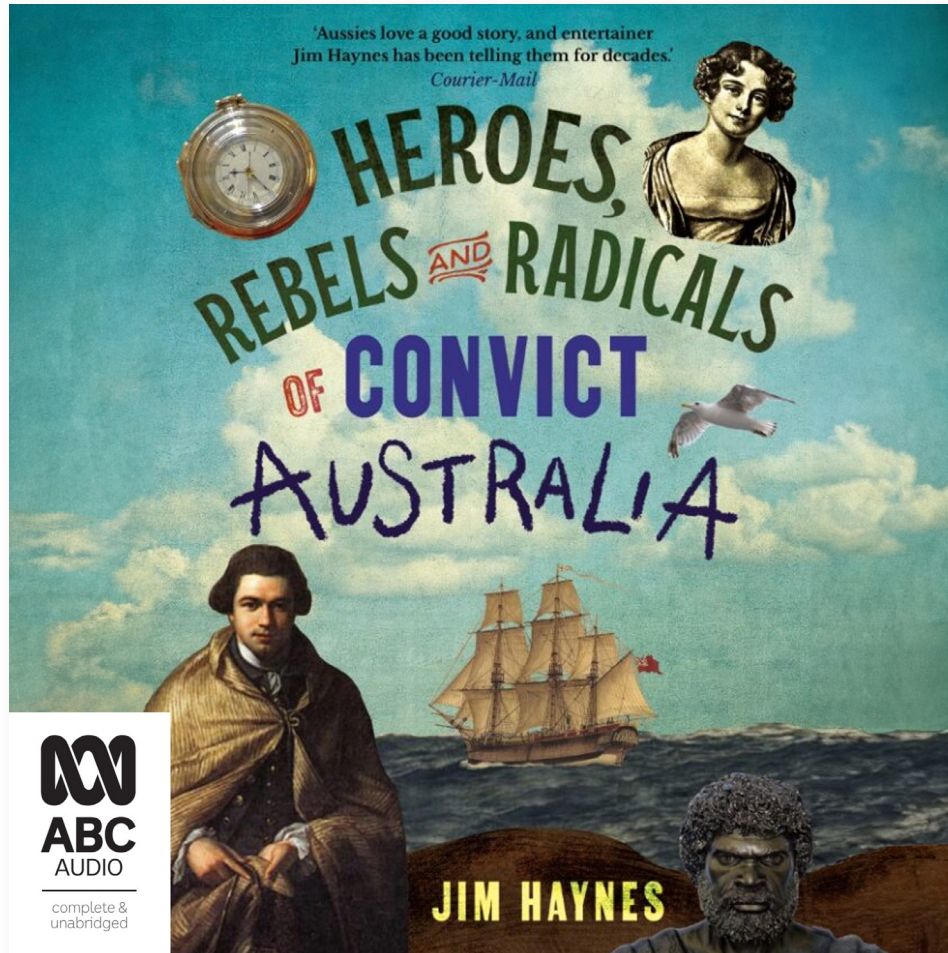
Duncan has published two bestselling memoirs, *Salvation Creek* and its sequel, *The House at Salvation Creek*, and two novels, *The Briny Café* and *Gone Fishing*

'I loved everything about *Stringybark Bay*, from the vibrant community of characters to the idyllic setting. I didn't want to leave!... charming and irresistible.' – Joanna Nell, bestselling author of *The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village*

Heroes, Rebels and Radicals of Convict Australia

Jim Haynes

Read by the Author



Master storyteller Jim Haynes has collected a fascinating cast of characters who embody the resourcefulness, bravery, defiance, successes and tragedies of the convict era, the men and women who forged the nation we would one day become.

Australia's most amazing characters of the convict age. There's Joseph Banks, the true founder of the colony; Surgeon John White, the saviour of the First Fleet; Pemulwuy, the Bidjigal freedom fighter; Mary Reiby, the horse thief who made good; Sapy Lovell, the Eora gypsy convict; John Donohue, the wild colonial boy; Lady Jane Franklin, the true leader of Van Diemen's Land – and many more!

Why did transportation occur, why did it end and what was it like living in Australia from 1788 to 1870? Skilfully researched and told in Jim Haynes's warm and witty style, *Heroes, Rebels and Radicals of Convict Australia* answers these questions and brings to life well-known and unknown figures from Australia's history as a penal settlement. This is the true story of the colonisation of Australia.

Jim Haynes is one of Australia's most prolific and successful authors. Haynes taught writing, literature, history and drama in schools and universities from outback New South Wales to Britain and back again

More of what Jim Haynes does best – unusual, quirky and often unbelievable true stories from around Australia

Haynes was awarded an OAM in 2016 for service to the performing arts as an entertainer, author, broadcaster and historian

'Aussies love a good story and entertainer Jim Haynes has been telling them for decades.'
– The Courier Mail

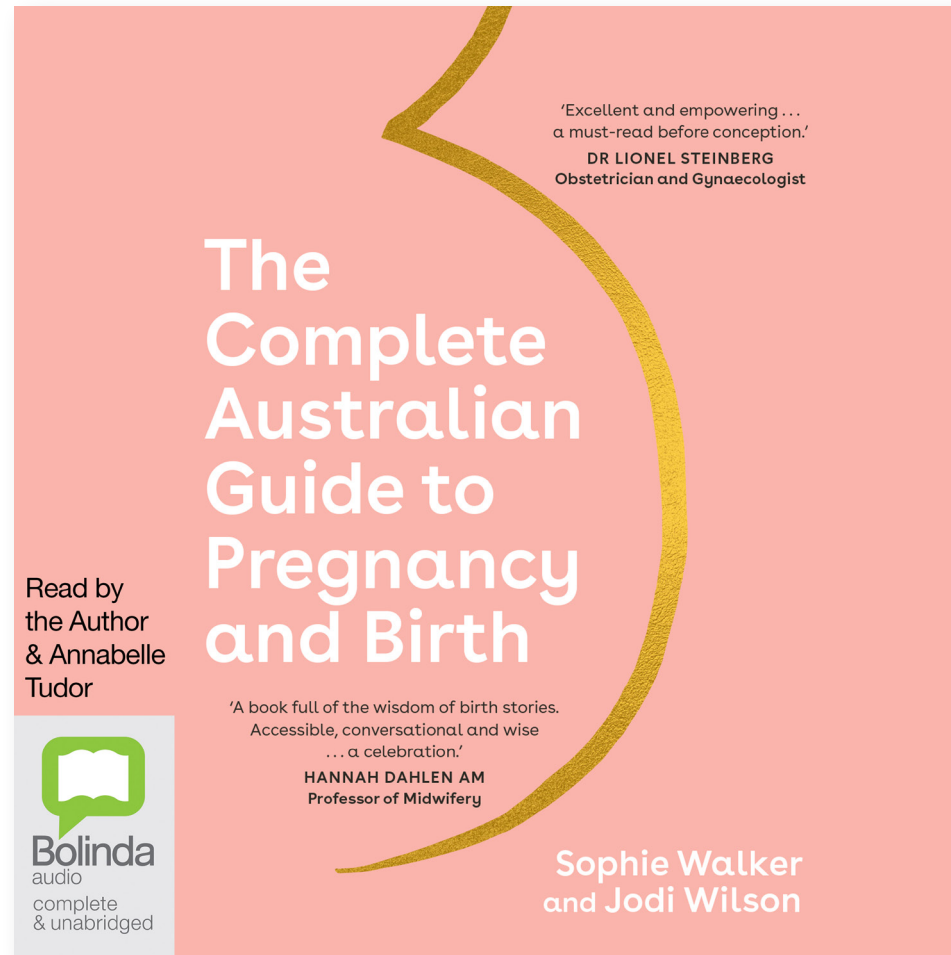
The Complete Australian Guide to Pregnancy and Birth

Sophie Walker & Jodi Wilson

Read by Jodi Wilson and Annabelle Tudor

Adult New Release

Health & Fitness | February 2024



The definitive contemporary category buster for a modern generation of mothers by the creator of the top-rating podcast and online hub, *Australian Birth Stories*.

'I wish someone had told me!' It's a phrase uttered by countless women after they give birth for the first time. Here's the audiobook that shares the wisdom of women and their birth stories, so that you can make informed and empowered decisions that are best for you.

The Complete Australian Guide to Pregnancy and Birth draws on the expertise of dozens of doctors, midwives and other health specialists to offer the most comprehensive and up-to-date information about pregnancy, labour, birth and early postpartum in Australia.

From making essential care decisions, asking questions of care providers and managing overwhelm to navigating physical changes and preparing for labour, this audiobook is your trusted companion as you make the transition to motherhood. And among all the facts, stats and info is a lot of gentle and kind advice, including first-hand accounts of births, in all kinds of birth settings, from families of diverse backgrounds.

Sophie Walker is the founder of *Australian Birth Stories*, which includes the #1 podcast for birth and postpartum advice and an online education hub offering support and guidance from pre-conception through to the first 12 months

Walker has a master's degree in public health and is passionate about empowering women on their journey into motherhood

Jodi Wilson is a writer and prenatal yoga teacher who works alongside Sophie Walker on the *Australian Birth Stories* podcast

'Accessible, conversational and wise ... a celebration.' – Hannah Dahlen AM, professor of midwifery

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Maeve's Baby

Outback Brides Return to Wirralong #2

Fiona McArthur

Read by Caroline Lee

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2024

The second instalment in the Outback Brides Return to Wirralong series from bestselling author Fiona McArthur.

Midwife Maeve McGill can deliver a baby with no complications, but finding love isn't that easy. After falling for and being dumped by a doctor who only wanted her as a glorified nanny for his kids, she left her job for a position at a clinic in Wirralong. Maeve is determined to embrace her new life with the help of her friend, Lacey. Men are absolutely off the menu.

Doctor Jace Bronson is everything Maeve's last boyfriend wasn't. He's big – a big chest to lean on with a big heart and a crazy big smile she can't resist. But Jace is a father and his job is temporary, so he and Maeve vow to keep their relationship strictly professional. Maeve doesn't want to risk the heartbreak, and Jace wants to protect his daughter from falling under Maeve's warm and caring spell – the way he has.

They had good intentions, but love, chemistry and the magic of Wirralong have a way of bringing two wounded souls together.

Fiona McArthur won the Australian Ruby Award for Contemporary Romantic Fiction in 2020 for her novel *The Desert Midwife*

McArthur has written more than 50 titles and shares her medical knowledge and her love of working with women, families and emergency services in her stories

McArthur was awarded the NSW Excellence in Midwifery Award in 2015

'McArthur ... has great skill in storytelling.' – The Sydney Morning Herald (on *Montana*)

'An uplifting story of friendship and romance.' – Book'd Out (on *The Baby Doctor*)



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Snowy Mountains Dawn

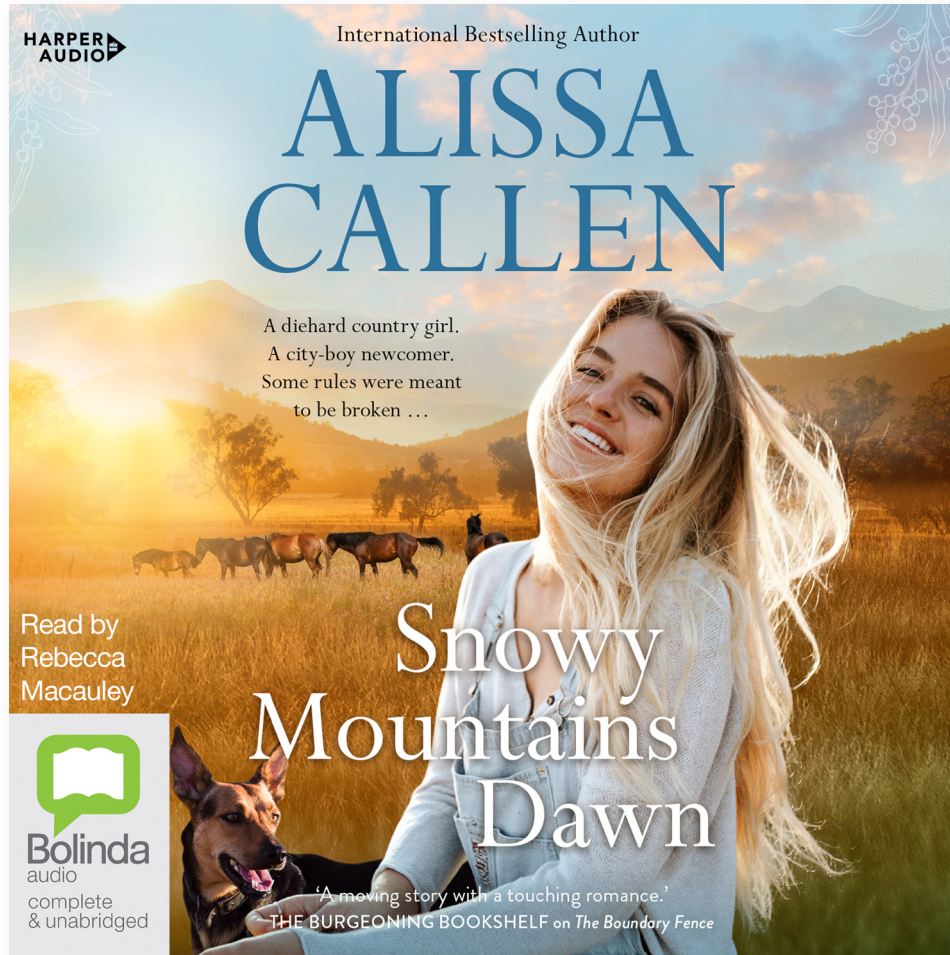
A Bundilla Novel #4

Alissa Callen

Read by Rebecca Macauley

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2024



Opposites attract in this delightful rural romance, set in charming small-town Bundilla, from bestselling Australian author Alissa Callen.

Horsewoman Brenna Lancaster has no time for relationships. Unless a man looks good on a horse and lets her call the shots, she isn't interested. She'd rather wear a dress and heels than give someone else power over her life.

Finance guru Wyatt Killian is a self-made man who has left the train wreck of his childhood behind. There is zero room in his workaholic world for downtime and distractions, let alone emotions or country girls.

When Wyatt's corporate horse-riding retreat is led by a woman determined to unplug him from his urban life, it isn't just his laser focus that becomes compromised. Being in a saddle unlocks a part of himself that he'd long ago discarded. In a rare moment of nostalgia, he prolongs his stay in the high country.

After Brenna becomes mired in a family secret that involves a historic feud and bushrangers, she has no choice but to involve Wyatt in the search for answers.

Alissa Callen is a *USA Today* bestselling author, whose books are characteristically heartwarming, authentic and character driven

Callen is the author of the Wildflower Ranch series and the Woodlea series

Callen's *Snowy Mountains Daughter* won the Australian Romance Readers Awards for Favourite Australian-set romance in 2021

'A delightfully charming rural story about love and healing.' – Better Reading (on *Snowy Mountains Promise*)

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The Next Big Thing

James Colley
Read by Miranda Tapsell



Part young-love rom-com, part David and Goliath story, *The Next Big Thing* is a heartwarming, hilarious, quintessentially Australian debut.

Norm has lived in Norman his whole life. It's where he grew up with his dad, where he went to school and met his best friend Ella. But the town is dying – the river has dried up, and with it all the jobs.

One night at the pub, on the anniversary of his dad's death, Norm announces a plan. He's going to build a Big Thing – like Coffs Harbour's Big Banana or Ballina's Big Prawn – to drive tourism to the town and give it a future. And to show Ella that she could have a future here too, maybe even with him.

Ella, meanwhile, plans to leave Norman for the big smoke. She's tired of being a big fish in a small pond, especially when that pond is running out of water.

Ella encourages Norm's big idea nonetheless. If it works, Norm will have a four-metre-high reminder of her. And if not, at least they'll have one last perfect summer together.

James Colley is a comedy writer from Western Sydney known for work on *Gruen*, *Summer Love*, *Question Everything*, *The 1% Club* and *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering*, as well as regular columns for the *Sydney Morning Herald*

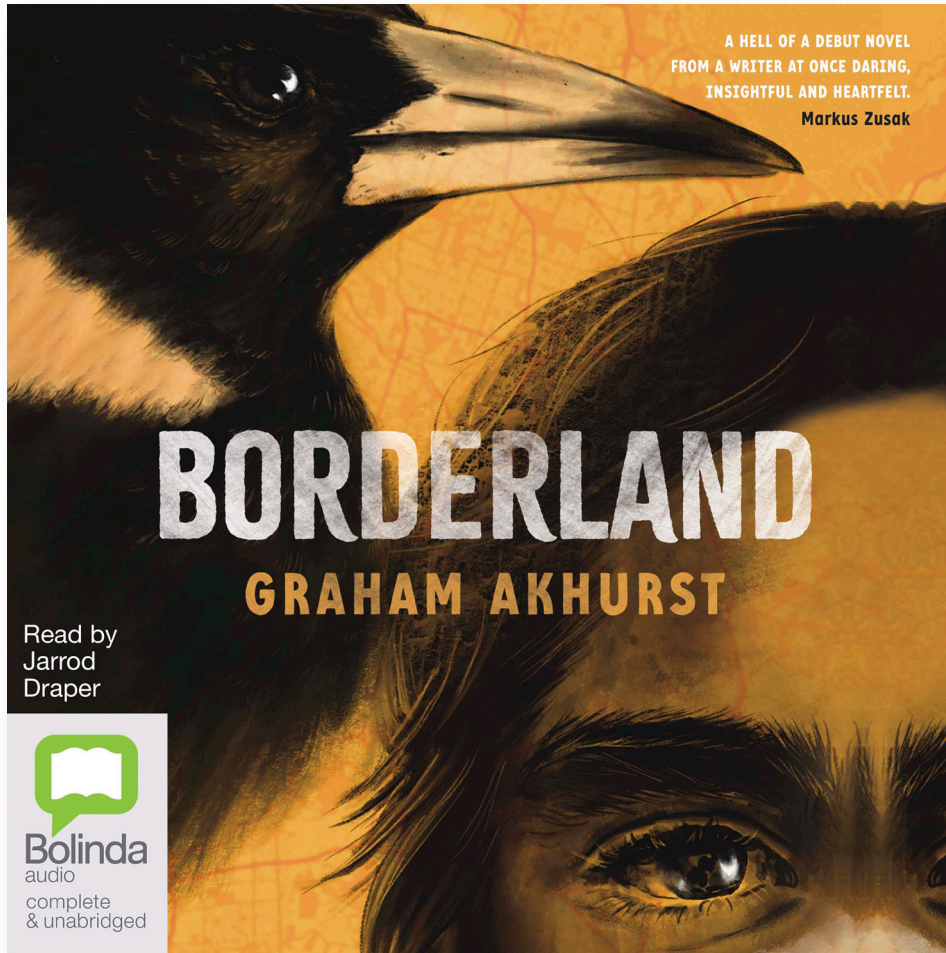
Colley is the author of *Too Right*, and co-author of *Tries*, *Lies and Meat Pies* and *Rise*

'An Aussie classic, alongside *The Castle*, *Vegemite* and *Steve Irwin*... I laughed, I got teary and I cheered for the underdogs in this heartwarming story of overcoming adversity, following your dreams and fighting for what matters to you. Everything is big in *The Next Big Thing*.' – Rachael Johns, award-winning author of *Jilted* and *The Patterson Girls*

Borderland

Graham Akhurst

Read by Jarrod Draper



A heart-pounding horror gothic that follows Jono on an epic quest to find himself in the face of unbelievable challenges.

Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community. Luckily, he's got his best friend, Jenny, who has been by his side through their hectic days at St Lucia Private.

After graduating, Jono and Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking – interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the wild western Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares? Jono is stoked just to be part of something meaningful. Plus, he gets to be the lead presenter!

Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the hustle and bustle of the city. Suddenly, Jono's intuition becomes his best guide. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun – a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming.

Graham Akhurst is an Aboriginal writer and academic hailing from the Kokomini of Northern Queensland

Akhurst is currently a Lecturer of Indigenous Australian Studies and Creative Writing at The University of Technology Sydney

'A hell of a debut novel from a writer at once daring, insightful and heartfelt.' – Markus Zusak, bestselling author of *The Book Thief*

The Italian Marriage

Jenna Lo Bianco

Read by Isabella Giovinazzo



An enchanting rom-com about Australians in Italy – a story of love, hope and a life-changing family secret.

'The heir to the D'Adamo Family Trust must be the youngest, legal-aged, married male.'
– 15th century inheritance clause

The time has come. In order to secure the future of his family estate and fix his broken relationship with his father, workaholic lawyer Matthew D'Adamo needs a wife.

Enter Sarah Browne, a free-spirited event manager, who is looking for an escape from the emotional and physical toll of her endometriosis, and the incessant buzz of her biological clock. With an ironclad prenuptial agreement, Matthew and his 'wife', Sarah, are moving to Florence to fulfil the D'Adamo inheritance clause.

There are just two problems. One: they've never met. Two: there's another claimant on the D'Adamo estate.

Matthew and the other potential heir will have to compete for the inheritance. 'Faking it' from their first meeting at Sydney airport, Matthew and Sarah's resolve will be tested at every turn. Will they have what it takes? And who said anything about love?

Jenna Lo Bianco is a writer, educator, PhD Candidate and advocate for Italian language education in Australia

With nearly 60 publications to her name, Lo Bianco is trusted nationally and internationally to write about all things 'Italian'

A Fellow of the International Specialised Skills Institute and Italian Australian Foundation, Lo Bianco is a regular contributor to *Segmento* magazine, and has written and consulted in educational publishing for more than a decade

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | February 2024

All the Golden Light

Siobhan O'Brien

Read by Hannah Vanderheide



All the Golden Light is a stirring, dramatic tale about finding connection, meaning and beauty in a time of darkness ... and the craving and savagery of the heart.

1918, *Belowla*, south coast New South Wales. As the Great War grinds to an end, Adelaide Roberts accompanies her father to a rugged island off the south coast of New South Wales to deliver much-needed supplies. While loss and deprivation have decimated the country, Ada is determined to live a life of purpose and hope, and dreams of living an independent life.

On the windswept rocky outcrop, she meets lighthouse keeper Emmett Huxley, a dark-eyed outsider haunted by his service in France. Adelaide and Emmett are inexorably drawn together, but Adelaide discovers plans have been made for her with the decorated returned soldier Donal Blaxland, a local landowner with a large tobacco plantation.

When police charges are suddenly brought against the lighthouse keeper, Adelaide is forced to make a choice about her future and discovers that Donal harbours terrible secrets of his own. As she begins to understand the depths of Donal's desperation, Adelaide knows she must leave – and between the treacherous waters of the coast and the rocky outcrops of an ancient land, Adelaide fights for her survival, determined to live and love on her own terms.

All the Golden Light is Siobhan O'Brien's debut historical fiction, perfect for fans of Kirsty Manning, Natasha Lester and Rosalie Ham

O'Brien has written a number of books including *A Life By Design: The Art and Lives of Florence Broadhurst* and *Hello Darling!: The Jeanne Little Story*, and has worked for many media outlets including the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Vogue*, *Indesign*, *Monument* and others

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She's a Killer

Kirsten McDougall

Read by Eva Seymour

Eleanor Oliphant meets *Killing Eve* in this darkly funny and gloriously unhinged New Zealand sensation, longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award 2023.

Alice: 30-something, IQ of 159 (almost a genius), only communicates with her mother in Morse code. Her imaginary friend is back.

Erika: 15, daughter of hot 'wealthugee' who loves Russian literature, genuine genius, killer eyeliner and killer instincts.

The climate is in crisis and wealthy immigrants are flocking to New Zealand for shelter, stealing land, driving up food prices and taking over. But Alice has far more important things to worry about – hating her best friend's husband, getting free wine and quiet-quitting her dull day job. Until she meets Erika.

Now, Alice is about to find herself drawn into action of the most radical – and dangerous – kind. Just what is a slacker to do?

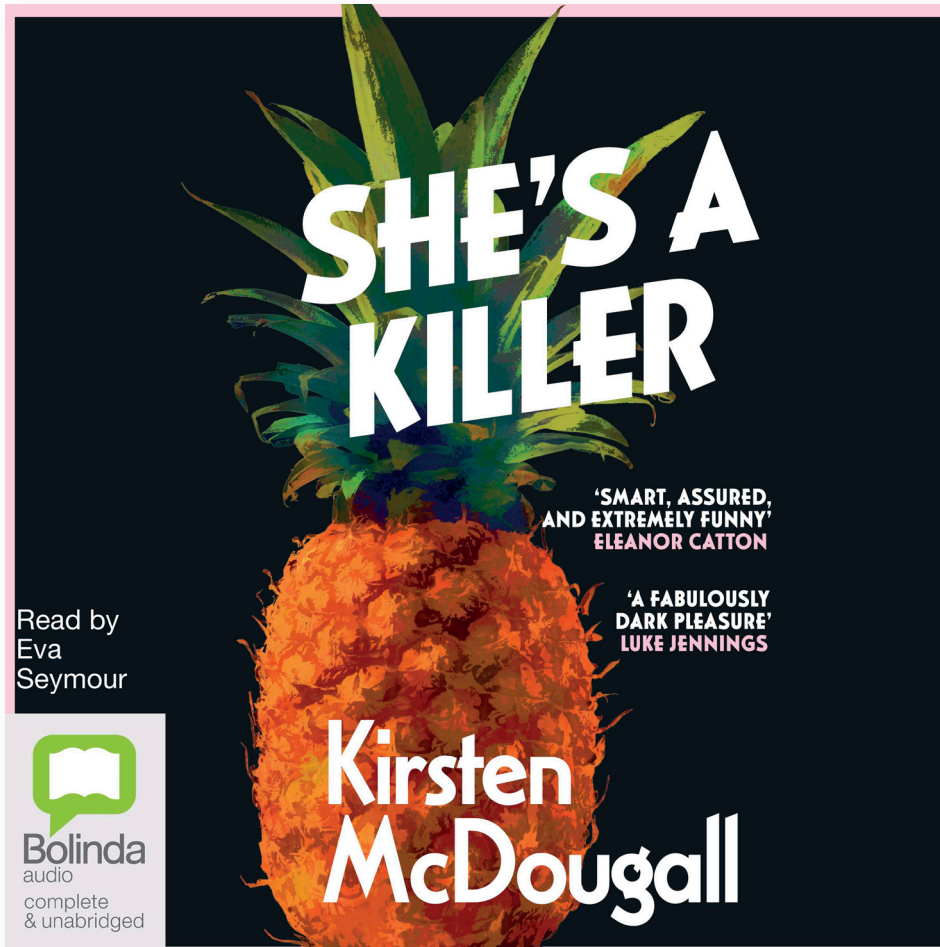
She's a Killer was longlisted for the Ockham NZ Book Awards 2022

Kirsten McDougall is the author of *Tess*, which was longlisted for the Ockham NZ Book Awards and shortlisted for the Ngaio Marsh Award, and *The Invisible Rider*, a collection of interconnected stories

McDougall was the recipient of the 2013 Creative New Zealand Louis Johnson New Writer's Bursary, and a Michael King Writers Centre residency in 2019

'A fabulously dark pleasure, delivered in prose of singing tautness.' – Luke Jennings, author of *Killing Eve*

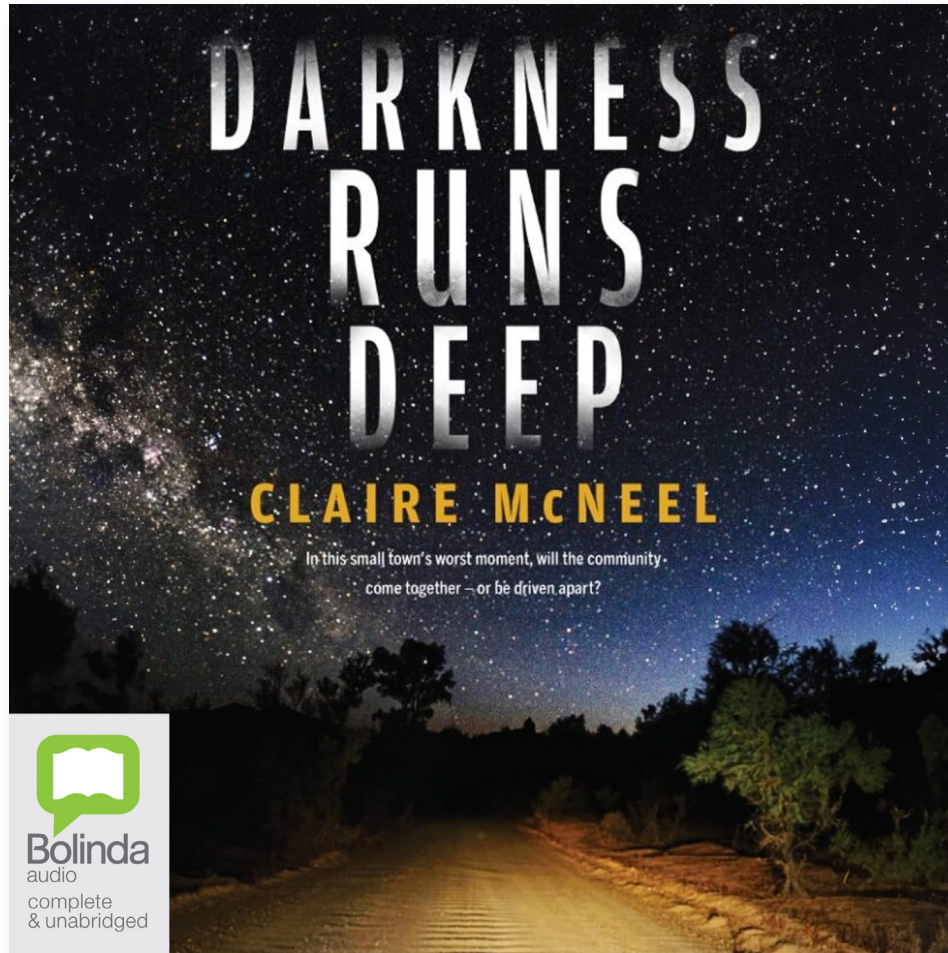
'Smart, assured, and extremely funny ... This is satire at its best.' – Eleanor Catton, Booker Prize winner, author of *The Luminaries*



Darkness Runs Deep

Claire McNeel

Read by Hayley Edwards



Fiercely told and breathlessly compelling, *Darkness Runs Deep* is a striking new Australian crime fiction about the best and worst of who we are.

In the darkest hour, a blood-soaked teenager flees the rural Gerandaroo football oval. Eight months later, Bess, a young teacher, returns home to Gerandaroo.

A childhood game of dare with her former best friend has forced Bess to form a women's footy team to play against Denby, a rival town. She reluctantly recruits players, but the team has to contend with hostile locals – including Bess's own father. Will this help the small community to come back together – or will it be the final thing that blows everything apart?

As tensions in the town boil over, so too do resentments, secrets and violence that have been previously held tight and close.

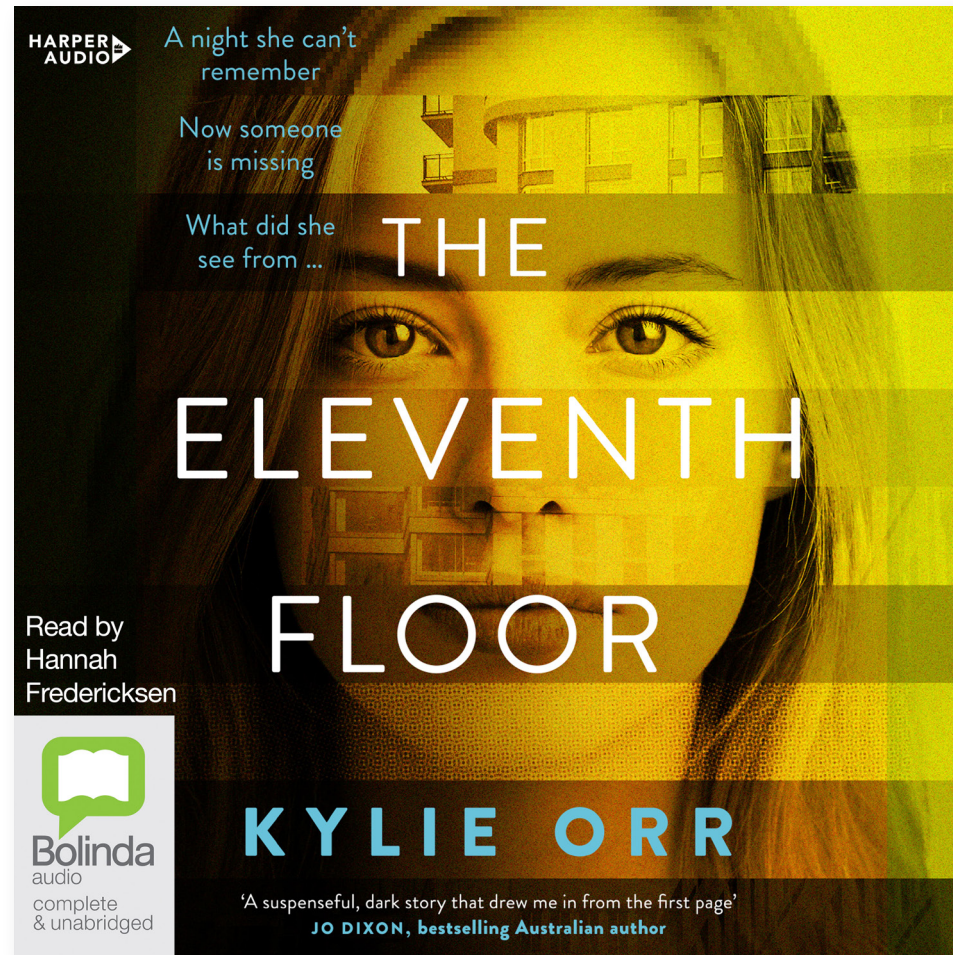
Claire McNeel is a fifth generation Melbourne Demons supporter/sufferer, and a former registered nurse and researcher, with a PhD in Neuroscience

McNeel was a finalist for Best Screenplay at the Byron Bay International Film Festival, and this screenplay formed the basis for her debut *Darkness Runs Deep*

The Eleventh Floor

Kylie Orr

Read by Hannah Fredericksen



A darkly compelling and twisting psychological drama from a talented new Australian author.

Will one mother's lie cost another woman her life?

Sleep deprived, struggling and at breaking point, first-time mum Gracie Michaels books one night – alone – at The Maxwell Hotel. A king-size bed all to herself. No demands. With time to recharge she'll be able to return to her family more like the unflappable mother she pretends to be.

Instead, she wakes in a room she doesn't recognise after an encounter with a man who is not her husband. Then she sees something she wishes she didn't.

Being drawn into a crime was not something Gracie had planned for her hotel stay but when a distraught family appeals for information and a police investigation heats up she is trapped in a maze of lies.

To speak out jeopardises her marriage, but her silence threatens her son, her sanity and her safety. Will Gracie destroy her own family by telling the truth or devastate someone else's by keeping her secrets?

Kylie Orr's debut novel *Someone Else's Child* was longlisted in the Richell Prize, the MsLexia International Novel Competition and awarded the Dymocks & Fiona McIntosh Commercial Fiction Masterclass scholarship

Over the past 15 years, her feature articles have been published in *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Daily Life* and across *News Ltd*

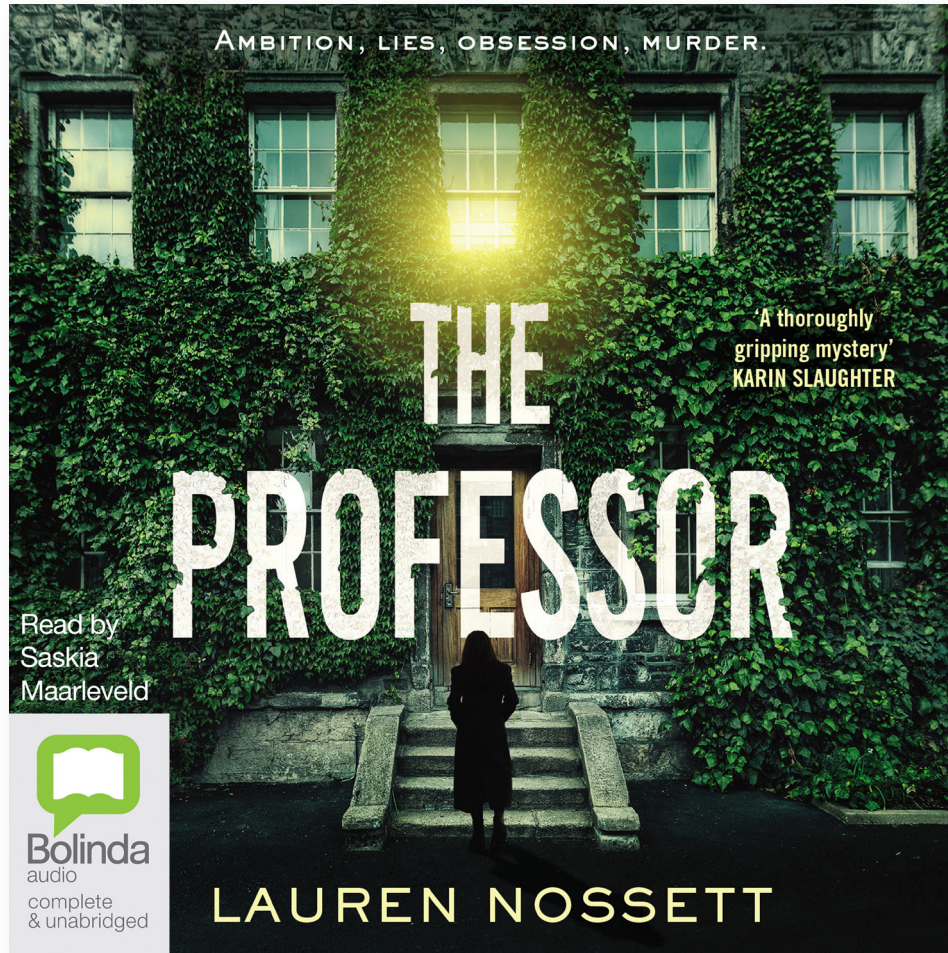
'A suspenseful, dark story that drew me in from the first page. The Eleventh Floor is shockingly unexpected... will leave you shuddering.' – Jo Dixon, Australian bestselling author of *The House of Now and Then*

'An unputdownable, one-sitting read.' – Better Reading (on *Someone Else's Child*)

The Professor

Lauren Nossett

Read by Saskia Maarleveld



A gripping campus thriller from the award-winning author of *The Resemblance*. A tale of ambition, lies, obsession and murder.

Ethan Haddock is discovered in his apartment, dead, apparently by his own hand. His professor is taken in for questioning, and rumours swirl that his death is the result of a student-teacher bad romance. The story hits the media, an investigation is opened, the professor is suspended, and social media crusaders and trolls alike are out for blood.

Marlitt Kaplan has never investigated love affairs. A former detective turned research assistant; she misses the excitement of her old job. When her mother, a colleague of the accused professor, asks for her help, Marlitt finds herself in the impossible position of proving something didn't happen.

Without the authority to interview suspects or access phone records, she will have to get closer to a victim's life than ever before. But will she get too close to see the truth?

Lauren Nossett is a former professor turned novelist with a Ph.D. in German literature. Her scholarly work has appeared in journals, edited volumes, and a book with Northwestern University Press

Nossett's debut *The Resemblance* won Best First Novel at the International Thriller Awards 2023

For fans of Karin Slaughter and Tana French

'*Twisty, dark and brilliant... will keep you turning the pages faster than you can binge a true crime podcast.*' – Sally Hepworth, author of *The Mother-In-Law* (on *The Resemblance*)

'*Nossett pushes the stakes ever higher, and the horrors of this hidden world feel all too real. A timely and compelling thriller, and a jagged new twist on dark academia.*' – Laura McHugh, bestselling author of *The Weight of Blood* (on *The Resemblance*)

Body-Confident

A Guide to Raising Happy Eaters

Emma Wright

Read by Annabelle Tudor

Adult New Release

Lifestyle & Wellbeing | February 2024

In this practical and essential audiobook, body-confidence parenting coach Emma Wright shows how you can teach your child or teen to step away from expectations that leave them anxious about size and food.

For too long, parents have been given an impossible task – keep your kid from getting too fat, while making sure they love their body.

Emma Wright addresses the root causes of society's current obsession with healthy food and explores overlooked factors that impact on our kids' self-image, like social media, sex, fitting in with friends, sleep and communication.

You'll learn how to:

- Raise a competent eater without fighting with them
- Talk about food and weight without damaging body image
- Help your child to reject cultural pressure to be thin
- Shut down habits that can lead to eating disorders
- Let go of false and harmful assumptions about weight

With tips to end power struggles and free yourself from fear and guilt as a parent, this audiobook draws on groundbreaking evidence to make a powerful case for why – most of the time – doing less is more.

Emma Wright is a speaker, writer and body-confidence parenting coach redefining the meaning of 'healthy' in a weight-obsessed world

Wright has coached hundreds of parents in Aotearoa and around the world to nurture their kids towards healthier relationships with food and their bodies

Wright is the author of *Raising Body Confident Kids: A Practical Workbook for Parents*

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February new releases 2024

The Double Best Method

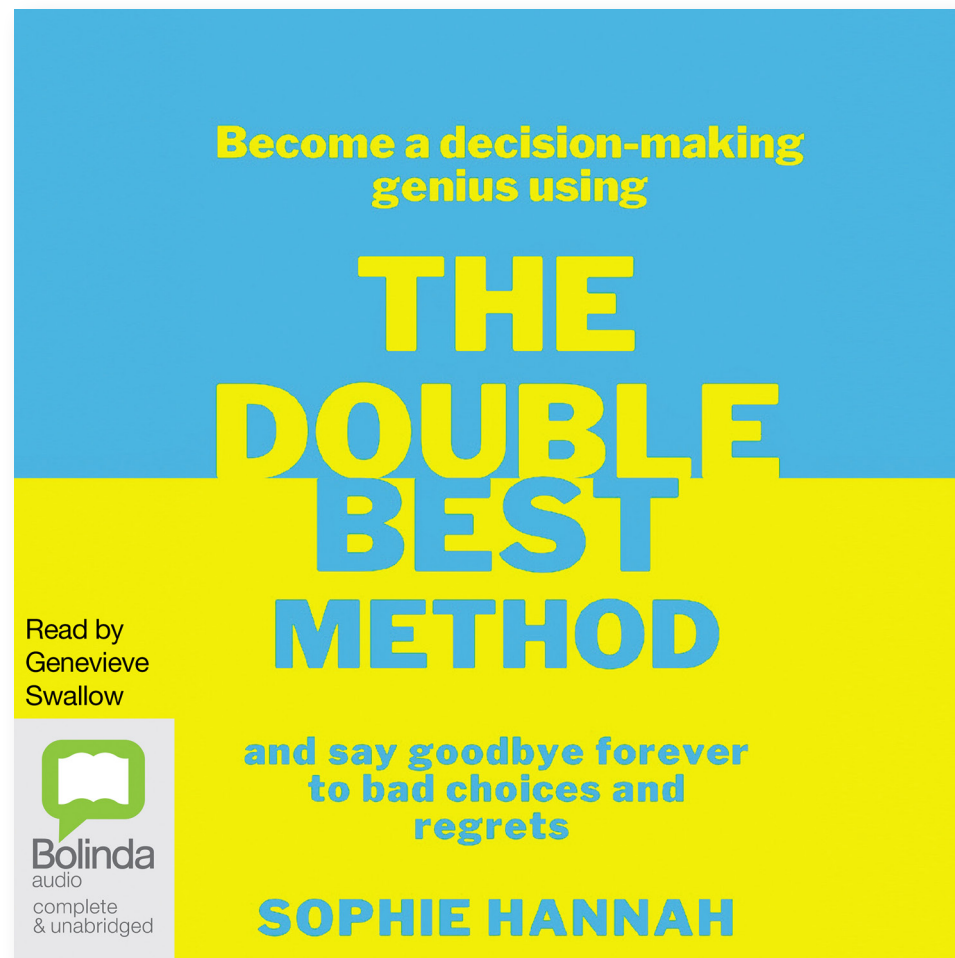
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Lifestyle - Wellbeing | February 2024

Become a Decision-making Genius and Say Goodbye Forever to Bad Choices and Regrets

Sophie Hannah

Read by Genevieve Swallow



We create our decisions in our minds ... the decisions we make create our lives. Learn how to make the very best decisions using the unique 'Double Best' Method.

Most people have no idea how to choose well. Their approach to decisions is based on foundations that are incorrect, which makes wise choice-making impossible.

In 2012, Sophie Hannah made what she thought was a reckless decision to do something that was bound not to work. It was 99% likely to end in complete failure. She thought that her reasons for making this choice were 'ridiculous and bonkers'. She didn't dare tell anyone her 'why', so sure was she that what she was doing was naive and irrational.

And yet ... she very much wanted to make this particular choice that she thought no one would approve of. Why, if it was so foolish and reckless? She told herself, 'I just want to, probably because I'm a bit weird, and it doesn't have to make sense to anyone but me.'

That 'bonkers' decision turned out to be life-changing for Sophie, in the most incredible way. By July 2021, the thing that was 99.9% bound not to work had ended up working brilliantly – beyond anyone's wildest dreams ...

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling crime fiction author whose books have sold millions of copies worldwide

Hannah is the author of a *How to Hold a Grudge: From Resentment to Contentment – The Power of Grudges to Transform Your Life and Happiness, a Mystery*

Hannah is also the founder of the Dream Author coaching programme for writers

'Excellent! Really entertaining and true.' – Katie Fforde, bestselling author of *A Summer at Sea* (on *How to Hold a Grudge*)

'A generous dollop of genuinely useful advice.' – Grazia (on *How to Hold a Grudge*)

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The Five Resets

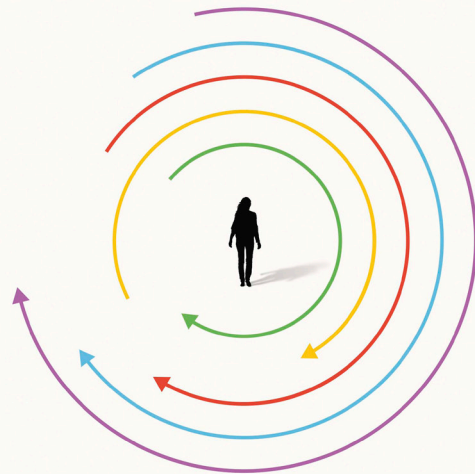
Dr Aditi Nerurkar

Read by the Author

'A masterful approach to rewire our brains
and bodies from the inside out'

ARIANNA HUFFINGTON

THE 5 Resets



**Rewire Your Brain and Body
for Less Stress and More Resilience**

ADITI NERURKAR, MD


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Discover how to rethink your relationship with stress and overcome burnout, depression and anxiety with this accessible health-meets-self-help guide.

Drawing on years of experience as a renowned Harvard doctor and nationally recognised stress expert, Dr Aditi Nerurkar has developed a science-backed approach to help us change our relationship with everyday stress. In her anticipated debut, Dr Nerurkar offers both a mindset shift about stress and her simple yet powerful five resets – pillars of wisdom that bring together physiological and psychological coping skills and enable you to cope when things get hard.

To keep stress at healthy levels, Dr Nerurkar offers her five science-backed resets to help us in our challenging moments:

- Get clear on what matters most
- Find quiet in a noisy world
- Sync your brain and your body
- Come up for air
- Bring your best self forward

Dr Aditi Nerurkar is a Harvard physician, speaker, national television correspondent and host of the podcast *Time Out* with *New York Times* bestselling author Eve Rodsky

A lecturer at Harvard Medical School in the Division of Global Health and Social Medicine, Dr Nerurkar also serves as the Co-director of the Clinical Clerkship in Community Engagement

Dr Nerurkar is an internationally-recognised Fortune 50 speaker with recent talks at the Forbes 30 Under 30 Summit, the Harvard Business School Women's Conference and keynote speeches at IBM, Visa and Dell Technologies

'A masterful approach to rewire our brains and bodies from the inside out. The strategies are simple and practical, yet their effects can be transformative.' – Arianna Huffington, founder and CEO of Thrive Global

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February new releases 2024

Miss You Forever

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



Miss You Forever is a spellbinding saga from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Josephine Cox that tells the passionate tale of a woman's heart-breaking past, and her chance for another shot at happiness.

As a woman lies at death's door in hospital, her touching story, encapsulated in her diaries, springs back to life.

One winter's night, in the coal-hole in her yard, Rosie finds that a woman sheltering there has been severely beaten by thugs. At a glance, Kathleen looks like an unkempt, aged vagabond who tramps the roads carrying all her worldly possessions in a grubby tapestry bag. Her only friend is the mangy old dog who accompanies her; the sum of her life is in the diaries she so zealously guards. Yet close up, Rosie can see that Kathleen has a gracious beauty – the 'look' of a respectable lady of means.

In hospital, fighting for her life, yet moved by Rosie's care and compassion, Kathleen entrusts the diaries to her, urging her to look at them. There, in the soft glow of the lamp, Rosie reads a heartrending tale of stolen dreams, true love, heartache and loss. A tale that, somehow, must have a happy ending ...

Perfect for fans of Rosie Goodwin and Dilly Court

Josephine Cox is the prolific author who grew up in poverty in Blackburn and went on to sell more than 20 million copies of her family dramas

'Josephine Cox brings so much freshness to the plot, and the characters ... A Cookson by any other name.' – Birmingham Post (on *A Little Badness*)

The Stolen Hours

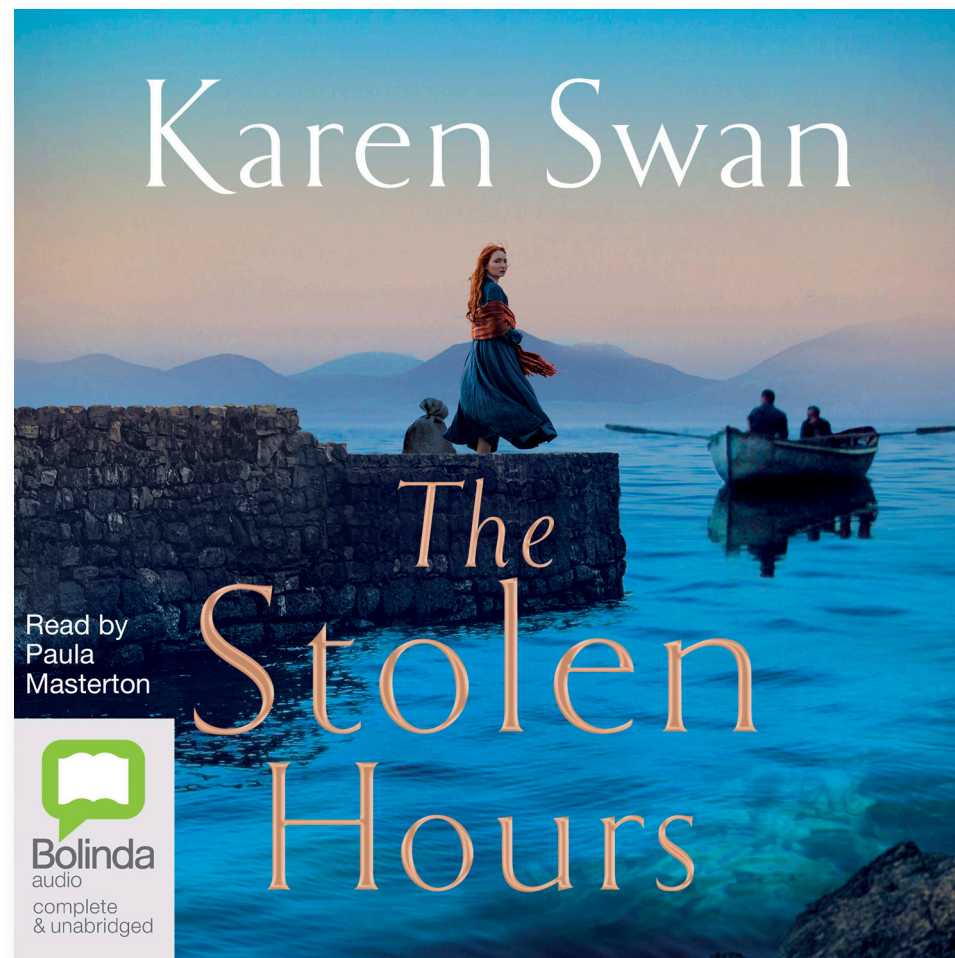
Wild Isle #2

Karen Swan

Read by Paula Masterton

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2024



The second instalment in Karen Swan's bestselling Wild Isle series.

It's the summer of 1929 and Mhairi MacKinnon is in need of a husband. As the eldest girl among nine children, her father has made it clear he can't support her past the coming winter. On the small, Scottish island of St Kilda, her options are limited. But the MacKinnons' neighbour, Donald, has a business acquaintance on distant Harris also in need of a spouse. A plan is hatched for Donald to chaperone Mhairi and make the introduction on his final crossing of the year, before the autumn seas close them off to the outside world.

Mhairi returns as an engaged woman who has lost her heart – but not to her fiancé. In love with the wrong man yet knowing he can never be hers, she awaits the spring with growing dread, for the onset of calm waters will see her sent from home to become a stranger's wife.

The Wild Isle historical series is based upon the dramatic evacuation of the Scottish island St Kilda in the summer of 1930

Swan is the author of *The Spanish Promise*, *The Hidden Beach*, *The Secret Path*, *Christmas at Tiffany's*, *The Christmas Secret* and *Together by Christmas*

Swan's titles are known for their evocative locations, and loves to set deep, complicated love stories within twisting plots

'... meticulously researched and beautifully told by one of our most prolific and talented writers.' – Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of *Here and Now* (on *The Last Summer*)

'A promising new series from Swan ... Toeing the line between romance and historical fiction, this gorgeous story and its unconventional heroine are sure to win hearts.' – Publishers Weekly (on *The Last Summer*)

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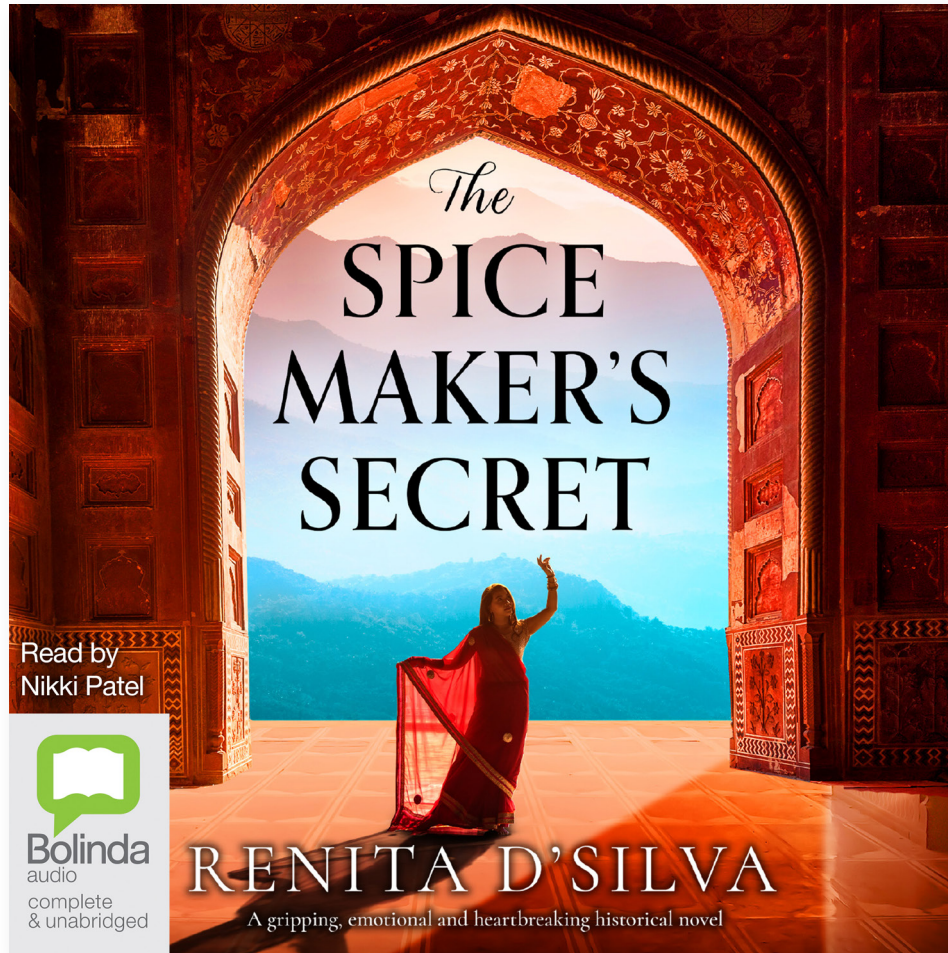
Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | February 2024

The Spice Maker's Secret

Renita D'Silva

Read by Nikki Patel



The Spice Maker's Secret is an utterly unforgettable and heartbreaking story about love, betrayal and one woman's extraordinary sacrifice.

1939, *India*. Bindu holds her baby close, listening to the monsoon raging outside. She tries to hide her tears behind her sari as she hands her baby into a stranger's arms, wondering if she will ever see her child again ...

When their small savings run out, Bindu reluctantly accepts an offer of marriage from the landlord's entitled and often unpredictable son. In return, he promises to provide medical care for her beloved grandmother, but alone in a world she doesn't understand, Bindu is desperately lonely. She soon finds solace in writing recipes and creating new spice mixes, but when her husband finds out, he lashes out in a jealous rage. Heavily pregnant, her husband confines Bindu to her room alone.

1990, *London*. Eve's most treasured gift from her adopted father is an Indian recipe book. As she begins to grind and mix the spices penned so carefully in the recipes, she wonders if the crumbling pages in this book could hold the key to uncovering her past. Will finding her birth family, lost for so long, help Eve to find her place in the world, or will it tear her apart?

Renita D'Silva is the author of *Monsoon Memories*, *The Forgotten Daughter*, *The Stolen Girl*, *A Sister's Promise*, *A Mother's Secret*, *Beneath an Indian Sky*, *The Orphan's Gift* and *A Daughter's Courage*

D'Silva's short stories have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and the 'Best of the Net' anthology

'A delightful story, with riveting characters and a mystery guaranteed to tease and tantalise the reader right till the end. And what a feast for the senses – Renita D'Silva is a genius at evoking the sounds, sights and aromas of India.' – Linda Kavanagh, #1 bestselling author of *Never Say Goodbye* (on *Monsoon Memories*)

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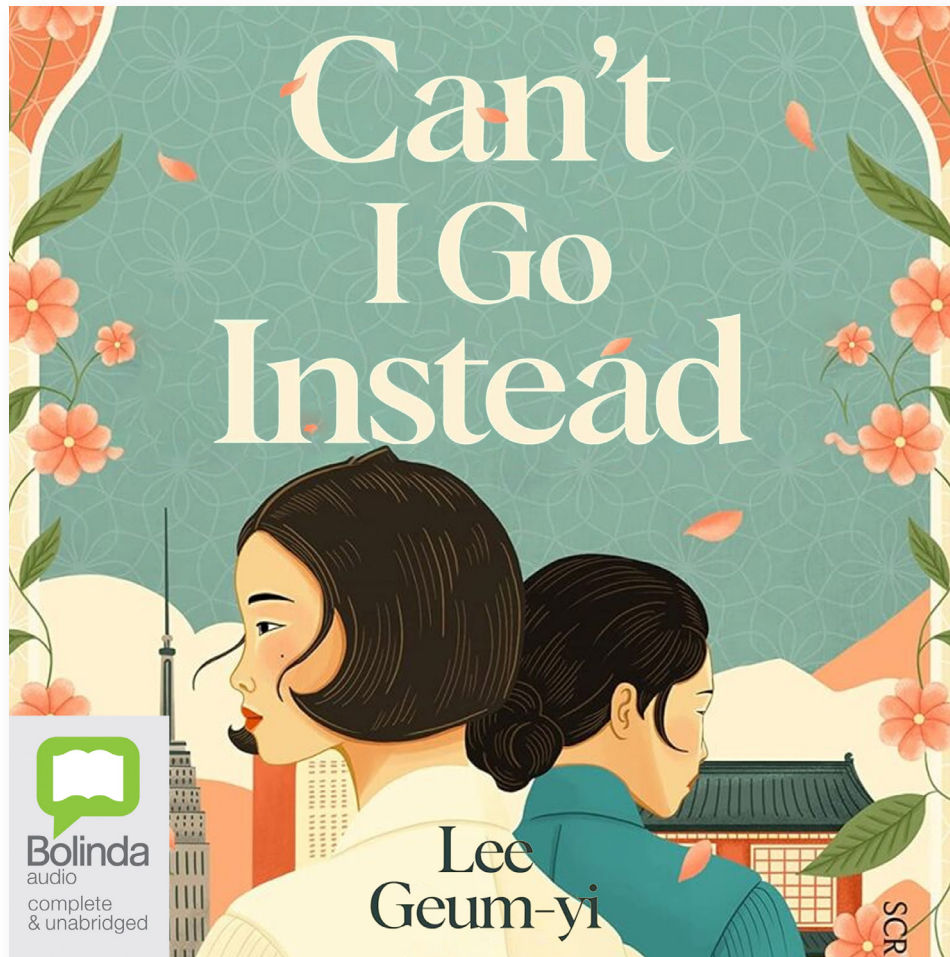
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Can't I Go Instead

Lee Geum-yi

Read by Michelle H. Lee



From the author of *The Picture Bride*, two women's lives and identities are intertwined, revealing the harsh realities of class division in the early part of the 20th-century.

Can't I Go Instead follows the lives of the daughter of a Korean nobleman and her maidservant in the early 20th-century. When the daughter's suitor is arrested as a Korean Independence activist, and she is implicated during the investigation, she is quickly forced into marriage to one of her father's Japanese employees and shipped off to the United States. At the same time, her maidservant is sent in her mistress's place to be a comfort woman to the Japanese Imperial army.

Years of hardship, survival and even happiness follow. In the aftermath of WWII, the women make their way home, where they must reckon with the tangled lives they've led, in an attempt to reclaim their identities, and find their places in an independent Korea.

Lee Geum-yi is a bestselling young adult author in South Korea, her title *The Picture Bride* was her debut adult novel and her debut in the English language

Geum-yi has published over 50 books in South Korea, and her work has been translated around the world

Beloved by fans and literary critics alike, many of Geum-yi's books have been adapted into TV series, musicals and webtoons

'Can't I Go Instead's complex and profoundly human characters will captivate, devastate, and move you, all at once.' – Juhea Kim, author of *Beasts of a Little Land*

'Compelling and inspiring, this story speaks of resilience and determination to make the best out of the situation one has been dealt.' – Booklist

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2024

The French Affair

Theresa Howes

Read by Emma Spurgin Hussey



Don't miss this utterly sweeping WWII historical story, from the bestselling author of *The Secrets We Keep*.

A country at war. A dangerous secret.

After a failed honey-trap mission for British Intelligence leads to the breakdown of her marriage, French journalist Iris escapes to Dijon, seeking refuge in the cottage of her beloved aunt, Eva. But Eva is gone, the streets are full of distrust, and Iris is soon followed by the very last man she wants to see – the British civil servant and traitor she was tasked with catching, now keen to rekindle their affair.

Eva's home used to be a comforting place, where the locals sought out Eva's homemade tinctures and cures and gifted jars of fresh honey from the garden. Now it is a place of danger, where threats loom in every corner. And as Iris spends more time there, she discovers a secret that will change the way she sees her aunt forever – and the course of her own life too ...

Perfect for fans of Suzanne Goldring, Mandy Robotham and Kristin Hannah

Theresa Howes is the author of the heartbreaking and compelling World War II historical fiction, *The Secrets We Keep*

Howes's work has been longlisted for the Mslexia Novel Award, The Bath Novel Award, The Caledonia Novel Award and the Lucy Cavendish Fiction Prize

'Truly gripping ... I loved it.' – Jill Mansell, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Maybe This Time* (on *The Secrets We Keep*)

'War, passion and tragedy unite in this atmospheric and moving tale.' – S.D. Sykes, author of the Oswald de Lacy Medieval Murders series (on *The Secrets We Keep*)

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The Guernsey Girls

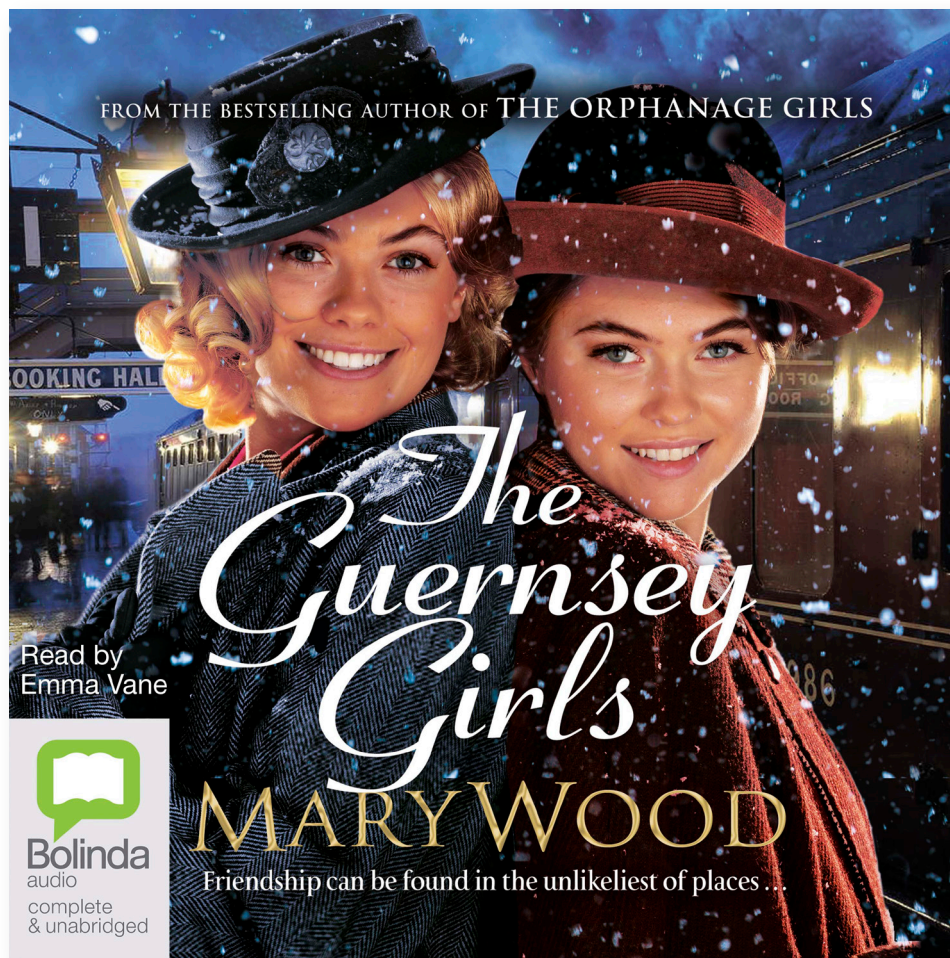
The Guernsey Girls #1

Mary Wood

Read by Emma Vane

Adult New Release

Sagas | February 2024



The first instalment in the The Guernsey Girls series from bestselling saga author Mary Wood.

After the hard work of being a maid at Wallington Manor in the lead-up to Christmas, Annie is very excited at the prospect of going home to Bethnal Green. She has missed her family, but the money she earns keeps them all afloat.

Harriet is from the island of Guernsey and is visiting her aunt at Wallington Manor. When she has to leave for London Annie is asked to look after her. On the train journey a friendship blossoms.

And when an accident happens their friendship is made even stronger. A friendship that would see both girls through pain, happiness, marriage and death. A friendship that would see them both united in Guernsey. But this is just the beginning of their incredible journey ...

Mary Wood is the author of *The Jam Factory Girls Fight Back*, *Secrets of the Jam Factory Girls*, *The Street Orphans*, *Brighter Days Ahead*, *Proud of You* and *In Their Mother's Footsteps*

Wood is the author of multiple series including *The Breckton* trilogy and *The Girls Who Went to War*

Wood also writes sagas as Maggie Mason and crime thrillers under her second pseudonym, Molly Kent

'Wood is a born storyteller.' – Lancashire Evening Post

'These heartbreaking but also inspirational tales are full of the grit and hardship that have become hallmarks of a storyteller who writes straight from the heart.' – Lancashire Evening Post (on *The Orphanage Girls Come Home*)

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Enemies to Lovers

Amelia Jones

Read by Savannah Davies



A wonderfully witty and spicy retelling of Jane Austen's classic tale of enemies to lovers, from the author of *The Stage Kiss*.

Meet Elizabeth Bennett. Otherwise known as Eden Blake, the understudy in Liz and Darcy, the musical adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*. Eden has toiled away for years as a working actress in terrible commercials. While she's not guaranteed a spot on stage, this production is one step on the road to her dreams.

Until Brennon Thorne, their new Mr Darcy, and all-round theatre-god, joins the next leg of their tour. Brennon can't hide his disdain for Eden and anyone who isn't a classically trained actor. And he doesn't care who knows it. But at least they don't need to spend that much time together.

Until the actress playing Elizabeth drops out last minute and suddenly the spotlight is on Eden. Opposite Brennon. On stage. Every night. Which always ends with a kiss.

Brennon's arrogance and disdain is almost unbearable. But as one on-stage kiss leads to another, Eden can't help feeling something else. Could her pretend Mr Darcy actually be one in real life? Or does that only happen in a Jane Austen novel?

An absolutely hilarious and uplifting romantic comedy, perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Ali Hazelwood

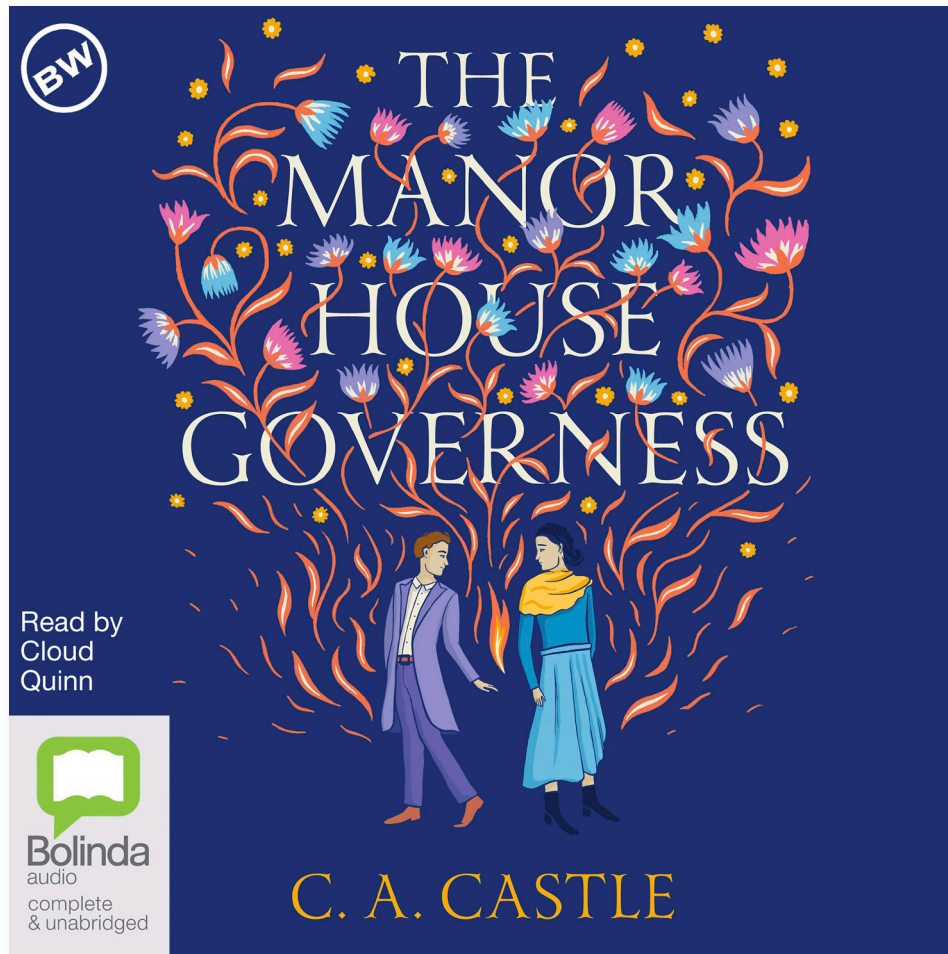
Jones is a die-hard fan of happily ever afters, striking heroes, complex leading ladies and heart-stopping swoons

'A modern day Lizzie and Darcy ... This inspired rom-com take on Jane Austen sparkles, with its unique setting and well-interpreted characters.' – Library Journal (on *The Stage Kiss*)

The Manor House Governess

C. A. Castle

Read by Cloud Quinn



A contemporary, queer homage to *Jane Eyre*, this coming-of-age and coming-out story follows protagonist Brontë as he unravels the secrets of Greenwood Manor and its handsome master, Darcy.

All Brontë Ellis has ever known is life at St Mary's all-boys boarding school, where he lingered first as a student and then as a teaching assistant. So when a chance to forge a new life in Cambridge presents itself, he seizes it with both hands.

Arriving at Greenwood Manor as the new live-in tutor, Bron finds himself welcomed by all – the gregarious Mr Edwards, his precocious pupil Ada ... except for Darcy, the elusive and tempestuous eldest son. Despite the rumours about him, Bron cannot help feeling drawn to the one person who seems determined to avoid him.

When tragedy strikes the house, Bron begins to sense dark secrets smouldering beneath Greenwood Manor's surface. Soon he's not sure what to believe, or whether he even has a future at Greenwood. Only Darcy holds the key, if he can be persuaded to reveal his heart to Bron ...

C.A. Castle is a writer and editor. He holds a BA in English Language and Literature from King's College, London, and an MPhil from the University of Cambridge

'C.A. Castle's *The Manor House Governess* weaves past and present together to create a queer story of love and intrigue that feels thrillingly new and boldly relevant.' – Abdi Nazemian, author of *Stonewall Honor* book *Like a Love Story* and *Only This Beautiful Moment*

'Fun, fresh and clever ... a huge treat for all fans of *Jane Eyre*.' – Katie Lumsden, author of *The Secrets of Hartwood Hall*

King of Camberwell

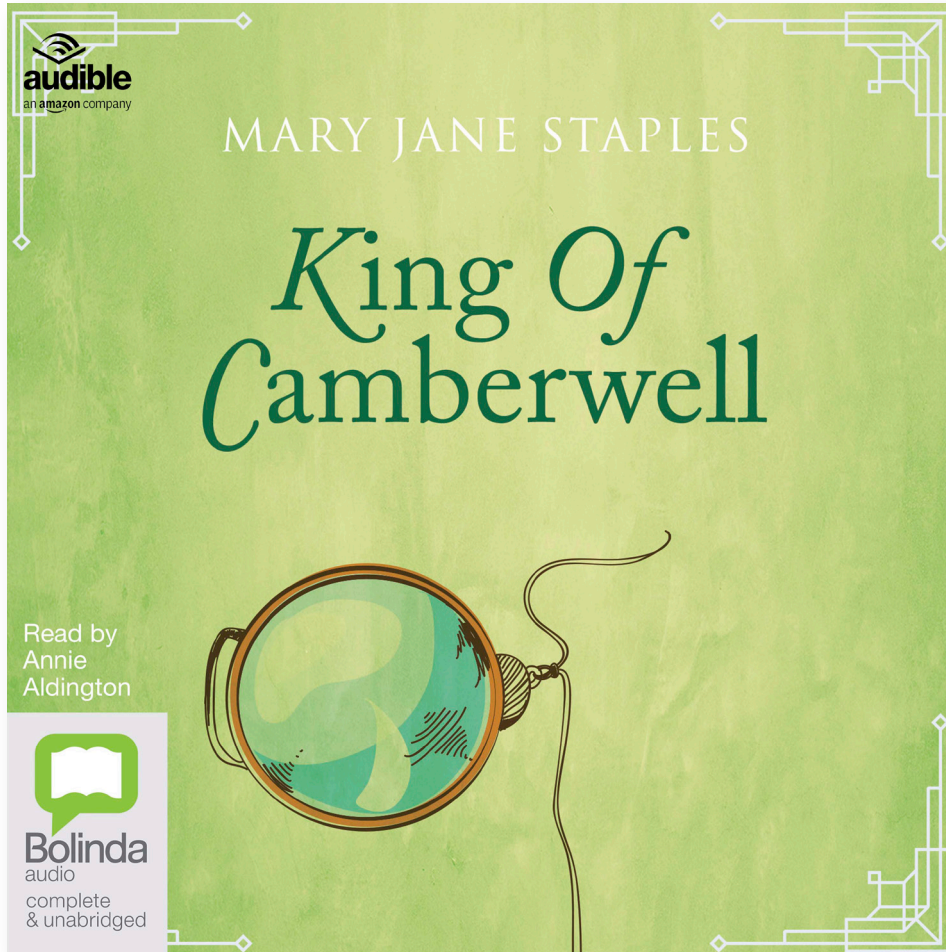
Adams Family #3

Mary Jane Staples

Read by Annie Aldington

Adult New Release

Sagas | February 2024



The next instalment of a wonderful saga telling the story of a Cockney family in peace and war from multi-million copy seller Mary Jane Staples.

Sammy has always had an eye for business and a good deal and is determined to expand the family business. But as his mighty empire grows, his assistant Susie Brown has plans of her own ...

Susie has always adored Sammy and has decided that he will be the man she marries. But marriage doesn't figure in Sammy's plans. Will he fall into line? Does he stand a chance against a determined woman and the rest of the Adams family?

Perfect for fans of Kitty Neale, Maggie Ford and Katie Flynn

Mary Jane Staples is a pseudonym used by British author Reginald Thomas Staples who also published under the name Robert Tyler Stevens, R.T. Stevens and James Sinclair

Staples is the author of over 30 bestselling titles including the ever-popular cockney sagas featuring the Adams family

'Mary Jane Staples makes you care about her characters, which explains why her books have enjoyed so much popularity.' – Take a Break (on the Adams Family series)

'Mary Jane Staples completely capture the feel of the period and the essence of the people ... has warmth, humour and charm.' – Finesse (on the Adams Family series)

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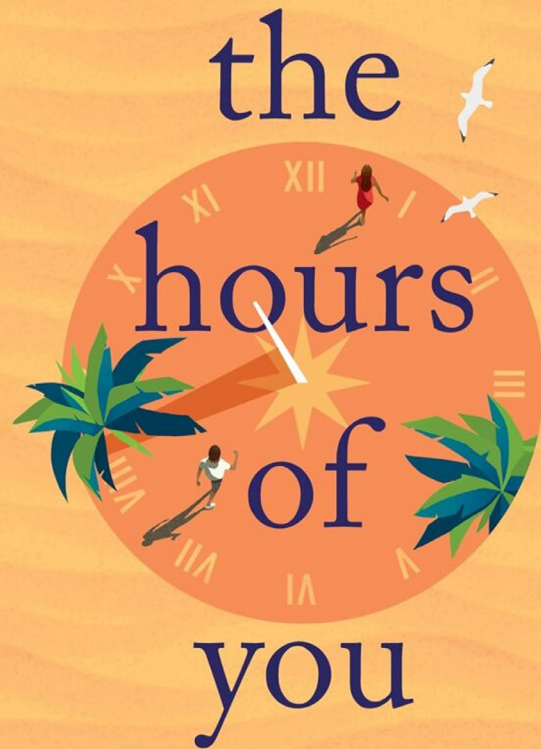

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The Hours of You

Fiona Collins

Narrator to come

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FIONA COLLINS

Can 24 hours on an island paradise make up for a lifetime of lost chances?

When Maggie accepts one last commission before retiring from journalism, she's given 24 hours on a private island to interview former Hollywood heart-throb Ed Cavanagh. There are just two problems – Ed doesn't want anything to do with Maggie's 'Where Are They Now?' exclusive, and he's also the only man who ever broke her heart.

It's a scenario she never expected – to be in paradise with a man she first met as a teenager but has been trying to forget for the past 15 years. As each precious hour brings back memories of their tangled love story, Maggie is forced to confront the painful twists of fate that kept them apart. Was a different future for them ever possible? Is it still possible now?

But Maggie has work to do. As the clock ticks down on their time on the island, and with Ed proving evasive, she has to find a way back to the man she used to know.

Fiona Collins is the author of *Spring*, *Summer*, *Autumn*, *Us*, *The Sister Swap*, *Summer in the City*, *Cloudy with a Chance of Love* and *A Year of Being Single*

Collins has a degree in Film and Literature and has had many former careers including TV presenting in Hong Kong, being a traffic and weather presenter for BBC local radio and as a film and TV extra

'Collins perfectly balances the light and shade of life, resulting in an uplifting and heart-warming book that proves to be the perfect summer read.' – CultureFly (on *Summer in the City*)

'An utterly lovely book.' – Debbie Johnson, author of *The Moment I Met You* (on *Summer in the City*)

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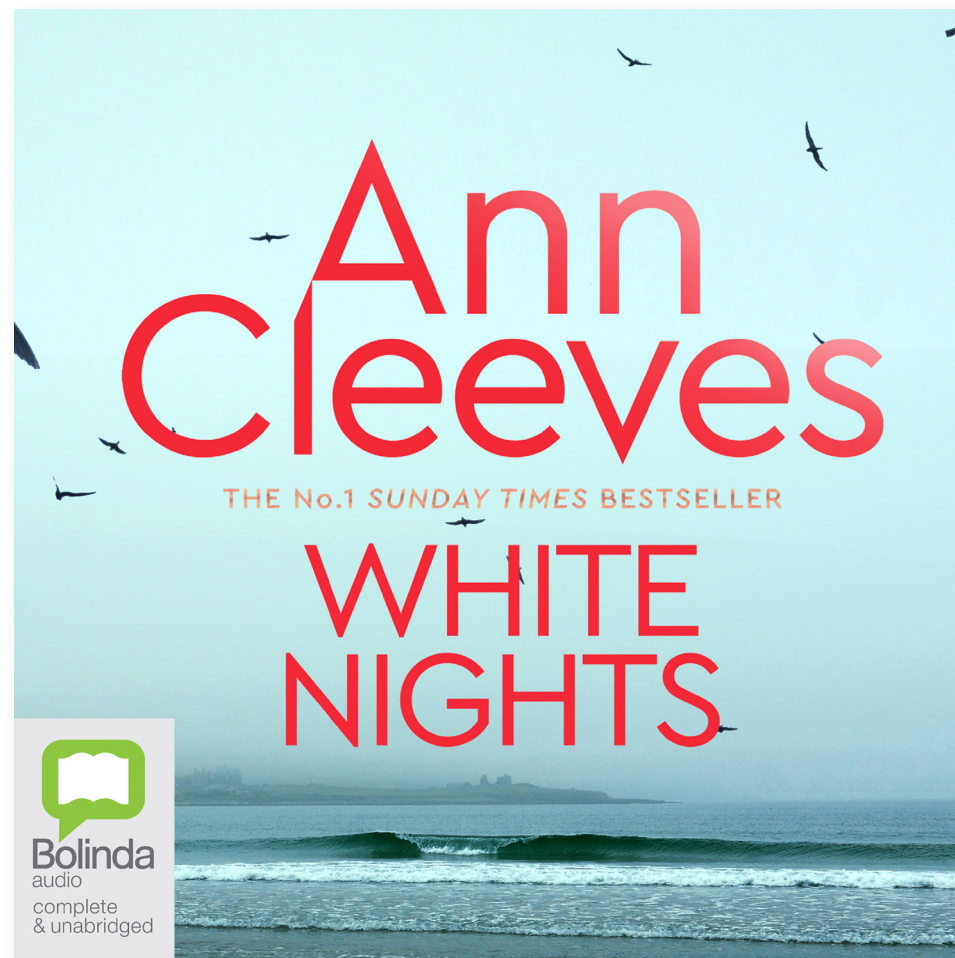
February new releases 2024

White Nights

Shetland #2

Ann Cleeves

Read by Kenny Blyth



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024

A man with no memory is found dead and suspicion clouds the community. Inspector Jimmy Perez must hunt for a calculating killer in *White Nights*, the second Shetland mystery from bestselling author Ann Cleeves.

On Shetland, the launch of an exhibition at The Herring House art gallery is disturbed – a stranger bursts into tears, claiming not to remember who he is or where he comes from. The next day, Inspector Jimmy Perez finds his dead body in a fisherman's hut.

Initially, it seems to be a straightforward case of suicide – yet this is no desperate act. Instead, it soon becomes clear, this is the work of a cold-blooded killer. As Perez investigates, he finds himself mired in the hidden secrets of a small community. Then another body is found.

Perez knows he must find the killer before another death occurs. But it is midsummer, an unsettling time when the sun never really sets in Shetland and nothing is quite as it seems ...

Ann Cleeves is the author of over 35 critically acclaimed titles and was awarded the highest accolade in crime writing, the CWA Diamond Dagger, in 2017

Cleeves is the creator of popular detectives Vera Stanhope and Jimmy Perez who can now be found on television in ITV's *Vera* and BBC One's *Shetland*

Cleeves has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Sunderland and a further honorary degree by the University of Liverpool in October 2022

'Ann Cleeves intriguing mystery is tangentially energised by the "summer dim", a midsummer craziness attributed to the midnight sun.' – Financial Times

'The best living evoker of landscape.' – Guardian

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Shelter

Mickey Bolitar #1

Harlan Coben

Read by Tucker McDougall

Young Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2024

The first in an exciting series of young adult thrillers, from the master of the hook-and-twist and *New York Times* bestselling author Harlan Coben.

Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mum to rehab, he's forced to live with his estranged uncle Myron and switch high schools.

A new school comes with new friends and new enemies, and lucky for Mickey, it also comes with a great new girlfriend, Ashley. For a while, it seems like Mickey's train-wreck of a life is finally improving – until Ashley vanishes without a trace. Unwilling to let another person walk out of his life, Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld that reveals that this seemingly sweet, shy girl isn't who she claimed to be. And neither was Mickey's father. Soon, Mickey learns about a conspiracy so shocking that it makes high school drama seem like a luxury – and leaves him questioning everything about the life he thought he knew.

Harlan Coben is the bestselling author of the action-packed young adult fiction *Seconds Away*. Coben has won the Edgar Award, Shamus Award and Anthony Award – the first author to receive all three.

Coben is the creator and executive producer of several Netflix television dramas including *Stay Close*, *The Stranger*, *Safe*, *The Five*, *The Innocent* and *The Woods*.

'Shelter is a powerhouse thriller with a heart that beats like a triphammer. Harlan Coben has created a hero worth following to hell and back.' – Eoin Colfer, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Artemis Fowl* series

'Coben's semi-noir style translates well to YA, and the supporting cast is thoroughly entertaining. It's a strong start to the series.' – Publishers Weekly



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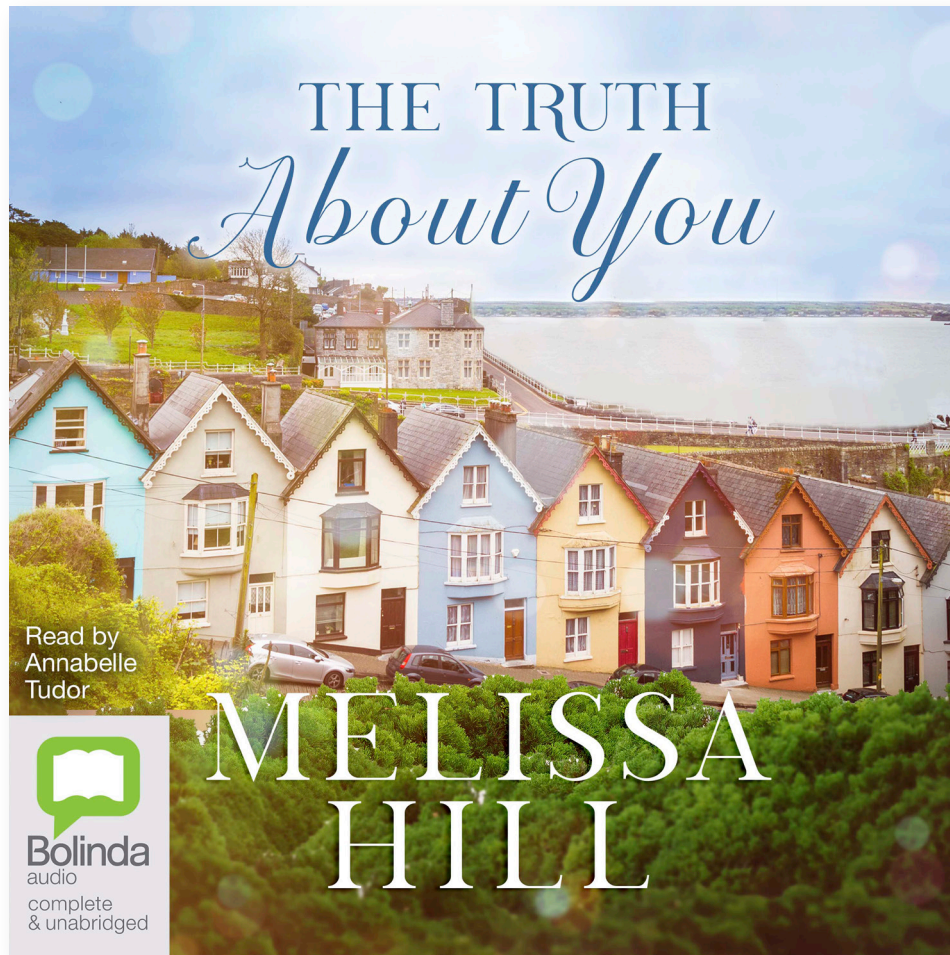
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The Truth About You

Melissa Hill

Read by Annabelle Tudor



What sort of parent would abandon their child? This is the question everyone asks when the baby is found on the doorstep of Ella's cafe.

Jess feels increasingly left out as the only non-mum amongst her friends. Terrified she might lose them altogether, she embarks on becoming a mother too. But is she really ready?

Hollywood actress Ruth Seymour is home in the small town of Lakeview for the summer. But has an ill-advised fling with a handsome co-star resulted in a seriously unplanned consequence?

Nina has come to live with her estranged father, Patrick, after a bad break-up. But will she ever dare tell him about the secret she is concealing?

One thing's for sure – someone knows more than they're telling. And the truth won't stay hidden forever ...

Melissa Hill is a *USA Today* and international bestselling author living in Ireland's beautiful County Wicklow

Hill's contemporary novels of family, friendship and romance are published worldwide and have been translated into 26 languages

Hill's titles, *A Gift to Remember* and *The Charm Bracelet*, have been adapted for screen by Hallmark Channel USA with multiple other titles currently also in development for film and TV

'Another feel-good tale that's bound to top the bestseller list.' – Irish Independent (on *The Guest List*)

'Stylish and uplifting ... It's perfect froth for whiling away a few hours on the sun lounger.' – Irish Independent (on *The Charm Bracelet*)

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February new releases 2024

The Lost Sisters

The Folk of the Air #1.5

Holly Black

Read by Caitlin Kelly

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2024



The Lost Sisters is a companion story to the *New York Times* bestseller *The Cruel Prince*, by master writer Holly Black.

Sometimes the difference between a love story and a horror story is where the ending comes.

While Jude fought for power in the Court of Elfhame against the cruel Prince Cardan, her sister Taryn began to fall in love with the trickster, Locke.

Half-apology and half-explanation, it turns out that Taryn has some secrets of her own to reveal.

Holly Black is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of speculative and fantasy novels, short stories and comics

Black has been a finalist for an Eisner and a Lodestar Award, and the recipient of the Mythopoeic Award, a Nebula, and a Newbery Honor

Black has sold over 26 million copies of books worldwide, and her work has been translated into over 30 languages and adapted for film

'Black is building a complex mythology; now is a great time to tune in.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *The Cruel Prince*)

'This is fantasy adventure at its brilliant, intelligent, thought-provoking best.' – LoveReading (on *The Cruel Prince*)

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Star Girl: Space Captain Collection

Star Girl #9-12

Louise Park

Read by Taryn Ryan

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2024



Adelaide Banks has made it to her second year of the SEAS Space Agent program. Does Space Captain Star Girl have what it takes to save space – one planet at a time?

Dark Secrets: The Planet Cavernellus caves are being bleached and the alien babies are no longer hatching. When Space Captains Star Girl, Comet XS and Asteroid are sent to investigate, things get a little batty.

Sticky Tricks: An evil force has struck planet Perilenda and the skunettas are disappearing. When Space Captains Star Girl and Supernova 1 are sent to investigate, they soon learn that seeing isn't always believing.

Good vs Evil: Planet Molteyser's springs are losing their minerals and the brontoneysers are getting sick. When Space Captains Star Girl, Galactic 6 and Star Cluster are sent to investigate, they find there's more than just hot springs letting off steam.

Make or Break: The GDC's alien community is in danger and needs help. When Space Captain Star Girl and three other captains are sent on a rescue mission to the GDC's space station, they know it's make or break.

Louise Park writes under her own name as well as the hugely successful pseudonyms, H.I. Larry, Mac Park and Poppy Rose

Park's writes titles for children aged 2–12 including the Harriet Clare series, the D-Bot Squad series and the Bella Dancerella series

Park draws from a strong background in Education, literacy and publishing to produce her blockbuster bestsellers including *Zac Power Test Drives* and *Spy Recruit*, and *Boy vs Beast*

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My Life and Other Stuff That Went Wrong

Tom Weekly #2

Tristan Bancks

Read by Stig Wemyss

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2024

More hilarious tales of mishaps and mayhem in Tom Weekly's world, in this second instalment of award-winning author Tristan Bancks's funny series.

I'm Tom Weekly. If you want to know what went wrong, listen to this and laugh.

You'll learn the secret of my strangest body part. You'll meet my super-angry grandpa, and hear about my best non-human friend, Rarnald the rat. You'll find out why I've been banned from KidsWorld. But that won't freak you out as much as the story of how Stella Holling tricked me into kissing her.

Three things you'll learn inside:

1. How to climb Mount Everest
2. How to make a backyard theme park
3. How to escape a pirate

Tristan Bancks is the author of *Two Wolves*, *The Fall*, *Detention*, *Cop & Robber* and *Ginger Meggs*, and is an author-advocate for literacy non-profit Room to Read

Bancks's titles have won and been shortlisted for many awards, including a Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book, the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the YABBA children's choice book awards

Bancks is currently working with producers to develop a number of his books for the screen

'Reading Tristan Bancks is like jumping on a rollercoaster – fun, exciting and a bit dangerous, too. Where were books like this when I was a kid?' – John Boyne, author of *The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas*



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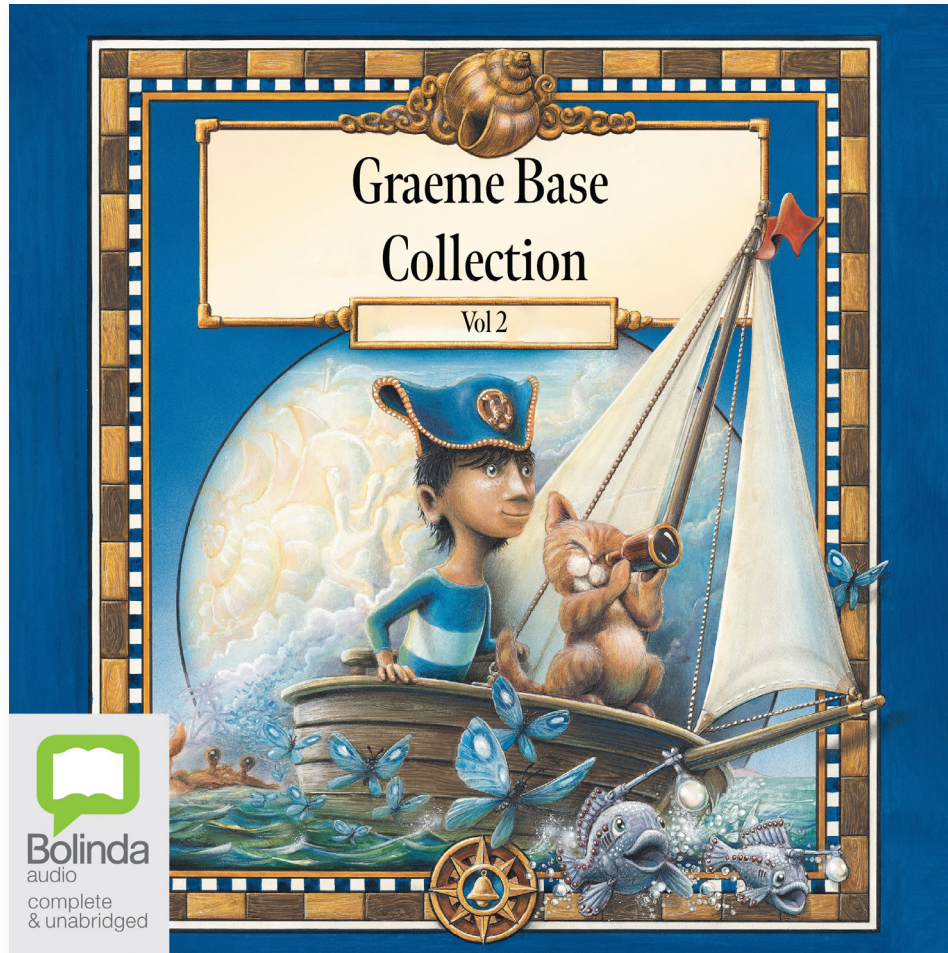
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Graeme Base Collection: Vol 2

Graeme Base

Read by Humphrey Bower



A stunning collection of bestselling stories from one of Australia's much-loved authors, Graeme Base.

Listeners young and old will delight in this second collection from award-winning multi-million copy bestselling Australian author Graeme Base.

The stories included in this collection are:

- *The Sign of the Seahorse*
- *The Discover of Dragons: New Research Revealed*
- *My Grandma Live in Gooligulch*
- *The Last King of Angkor Wat*
- *Enigma*
- *The Legend of the Golden Snail*
- *The Curse of the Vampire Robot*
- *The Amazing Monster DetectoScope*
- *The Worst Band in the Universe*

Graeme Base has received the 2007 Speech Pathology Book of the Year (Younger Readers), the 2007 Wilderness Society Environment Award and the 1989 Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year

Animalia received international acclaim when it was first published in 1986 and has achieved classic status with worldwide sales of over three million copies

'This rhyming story is filled with magic.' – Kids Book Review (on *My Grandma Lived in Gooligulch*)

'The tale is told in rhyming couplets and cleverly weaves in tech lingo and Scottish references ...' – Children's Book Council of Australia's Reading Time (on *The Curse of the Vampire Robot*)



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The Great Expedition and Other Adventures

Peter Carnavas

Read by John Voce

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2024

Join the expedition and enjoy a fun collection of brilliant stories from the bestselling author, Peter Carnavas.

The Great Expedition: A group of young explorers were charged with a dangerous mission. They were to travel across wild country to deliver a valuable parcel.

Jessica's Box: Will Jessica find a friend on her first day of school? Watch closely as Jessica reveals the contents of her box. Could this be the answer to her dreams of friendship?

Sarah's Heavy Heart: Sarah knew the heart would always be hers to carry. She just wished it wasn't so heavy.

The Important Things: Christopher comes to terms with an absent father by celebrating the important things in his life.

Last Tree in the City: Edward is sad after he finds the last tree in the city is no longer standing. After some reflection, he finds a way to make things better.

The Children Who Loved Books: Angus and Lucy love books. But when the books are taken away, Angus and Lucy's family soon discover they cannot live without them.

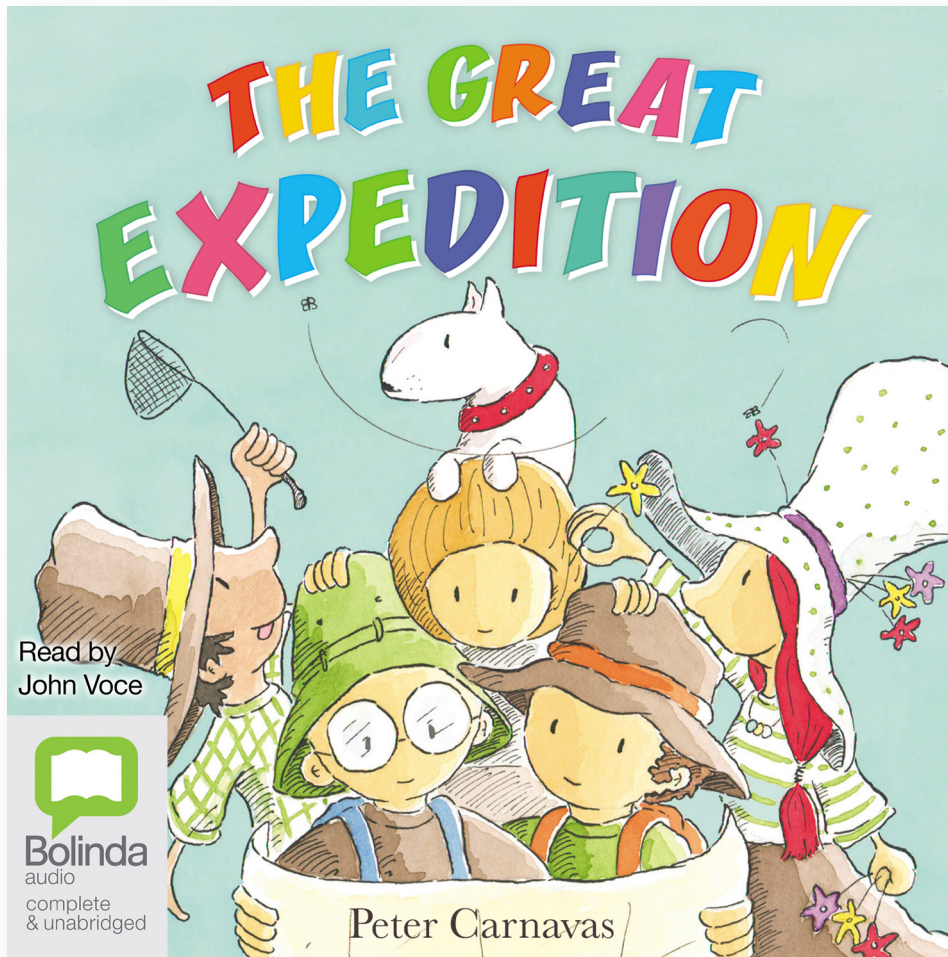
The Boy on the Page: A small boy lands on the page and, quite by accident, discovers the joy and wonder of life.

Blue Whale Blues: When Penguin hears Whale singing the blues, he tries to help. But how do you stop a blue whale feeling blue?

Oliver and George: Oliver is ready to play but George the bear is busy reading. He tries everything to get George's attention.

Peter was honoured to be a National Year of Reading Ambassador in 2012 and continues his role as a Love2Read National Ambassador

'Young children will love this ... for the drama, while older kids will be intrigued by the story's historic basis and find the narration funny yet poignant.' – Kids Book Review (on *The Great Expedition*)



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The Hats of Marvello

Amanda Graham

Read by Alicia Banit



A delightful, magical adventure story that will keep listeners spellbound.

No matter how much Olive longs for a pet rabbit, it's never going to happen. Not when she lives in an Australian country town where most people think they're a pest.

So imagine Olive's shock when she unexpectedly finds not one, but one hundred and one rabbits. And one of them can talk!

How Olive will ever be able to hide and protect the rabbits is going to be her greatest challenge, and all while preparing for the Year 5 play. At least she has her costume ready, although the old top hat she found in the local op-shop seems very odd ...

Amanda Graham wrote stories for children while studying to be a primary school teacher

Graham's first published book, *Arthur*, was illustrated by Donna Gynell. Watching Donna bring words to life through pictures inspired Amanda to study illustration and create the artwork for some of her own stories

Perfect for fans of Emily Rodda

'... children's fantasy at its best – sparkling, funny, clever, original, filled with suspense – and white rabbits!' – Katrina Nannestad, award-winning author of *We Are Wolves*

'Graham's immersive and intricate settings in The Hats of Marvello were a standout. From the streets of Luddston to the quintessential Australian country town of Mount Dry, I had a blast following Olive on her exciting adventure.' – Better Reading

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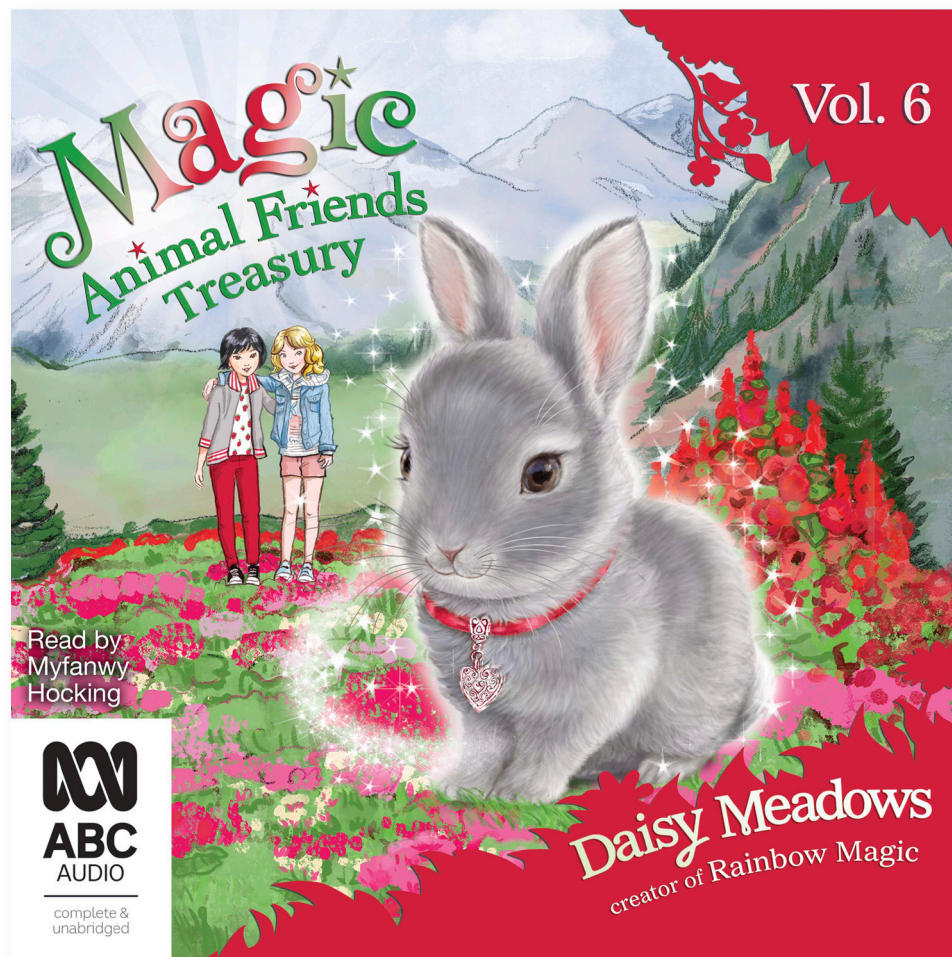
Magic Animal Friends #6

Daisy Meadows

Read by Myfanwy Hocking

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2024



From the bestselling creator of Rainbow Magic comes an enchanting series full of adorable animals, magic and friendship.

Pippa Hoppytail's Rocky Road: In the magical land of Friendship Forest, Lily and Jess are very excited to visit Magic Mountain. But when wicked witch Grizelda turns up, the animals who live there and their special jobs are all in danger. Can the girls help fluffy bunny Pippa Hoppytail save the Mountain and its magic?

Lola Fluffywhiskers Pops Up: When the magic crystals start not working properly, the girls know wicked Grizelda is behind it. Can tiny chipmunk Lola Fluffywhiskers help, before magic is lost from Friendship Forest forever?

Emma Littleleap Takes a Chance: Horrid Grizelda keeps trying to get in the way of the animals' important jobs! Can tiny goat Emma Littleleap help return the power to Magic Mountain before it's too late?

Sarah Scramblepaw's Big Step: High up on Magic Mountain, the Scramblepaw family make magic rain down all over Friendship Forest. But thanks to the nasty work of wicked Grizelda, the magical clouds won't work properly! Can arctic fox Sarah Scramblepaw save the magic, before it is lost from Friendship Forest forever?

Anna Fluffyfoot Goes for Gold: The animals are getting ready for a sports day! But wicked Grizelda wants to spoil everyone's fun. Can best friends Lily and Jess help super-cute kitten Anna Fluffyfoot stop the witch's horrible plans, before the special day is ruined?

Daisy Meadows is a pseudonym used by the writers of Rainbow Magic, which is the #1 bestselling series for children aged five and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide

Meadows has written over 100 titles for children including the *New York Times* bestseller the Rainbow Magic series

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The Puppies of Blossom Meadow

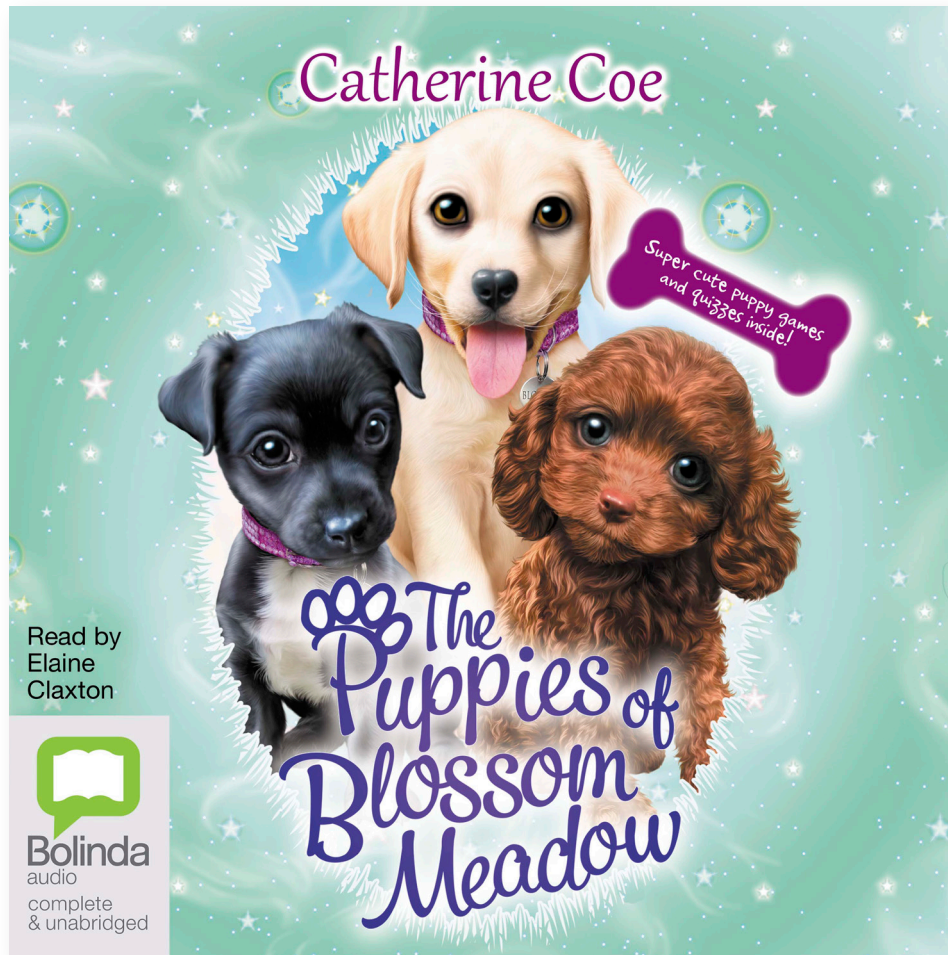
The Puppies of Blossom Meadow #1–4

Catherine Coe

Read by Elaine Claxton

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2024



An exciting animal series set in the same world as the magical Blossom Wood, perfect for fans of Holly Webb, Zoe's Rescue Zoo and Magical Animal Friends.

Fairy Friends: Erin, Amber and Kayla are best friends who love dogs. So when they discover an enchanted collar that transforms them into adorable puppies and whisks them to the beautiful Blossom Meadow, it's the best day ever! But someone is stealing all the bluebells. Can the girls stop the flower thieves and save the day?

Mischief and Magic: Three best friends are transported to Blossom Meadow where they become adorable puppies – there they find a whole host of cute animal friends.

Sprite Surprise: The puppies must work together to help out a group of prank-pulling water sprites!

Dandelion Dance: It's time for the annual Blossom Banquet! But oh no, where are the Gnomes with their flower garlands? And will the girls get any time to practice for the Dandelion Dance?

Catherine Coe is the author of Lucky Bunnies series, the Blossom Wood series and the Kid Cowboy series

The paw-fect animal series for beginner readers, for fans of Holly Webb and Daisy Meadows' Magical Animal Friends

Coe is passionate about improving inclusion and representation in children's books. In 2021, she founded the All Stories mentorship programme for underrepresented writers unable to pay for editorial support

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Haaland

Ultimate Football Heroes

Matt Oldfield & Tom Oldfield

Read by Alex Wingfield

Children's New Release

Sport | February 2024



From the playground to the pitch, meet Erling Haaland - Ultimate Football Hero, in this no. 1 football series!

Norwegian international Erling Haaland is the rising star of Europe. Having already smashed Messi, Ronaldo and Harry Kane's record of quickest player to 20 Champions League goals, 'The Terminator' is proving to be a ruthless, efficient goalscoring machine. At such a young age, the world is his playground. Discover how he's caught the eye of the footballing world and whether he'll pip Mbappe to a Ballon d'Or!

Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to superstar professional player. In fast-paced, action-packed style these audiobooks are perfect for all the family to collect and share.

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The #1 football series with over one million copies sold

Matt Oldfield is an accomplished writer and the editor-in-chief of football review site *Of Pitch and Page*

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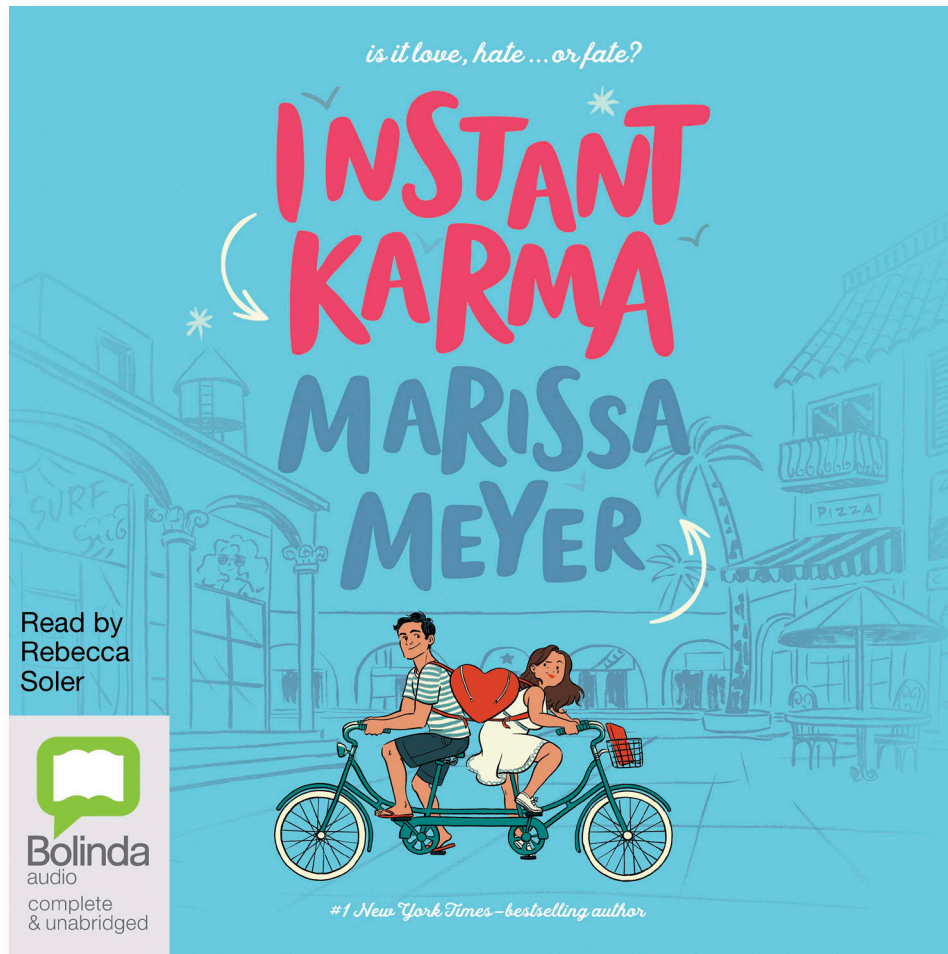
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February new releases 2024

Instant Karma

Marissa Meyer

Read by Rebecca Soler



In Marissa Meyer's young adult contemporary romance, a girl is suddenly gifted with the ability to cast instant karma on those around her – both good and bad.

Chronic overachiever Prudence Daniels is always quick to cast judgment on the lazy, rude, and arrogant residents of her coastal town. Her dreams of karmic justice are fulfilled when, after a night out with her friends, she wakes up with the sudden ability to cast instant karma on those around her.

Pru giddily makes use of the power, punishing everyone from public vandals to mean gossips, but there is one person on whom her powers consistently backfire: Quint Erickson, her slacker of a lab partner. Quint is annoyingly cute and impressively noble, especially when it comes to his work with the rescue centre for local sea animals.

When Pru resigns herself to working at the rescue centre for extra credit, she begins to uncover truths about baby otters, environmental upheaval, and romantic crossed signals – not necessarily in that order. Her newfound karmic insights reveal how thin the line is between virtue and vanity, generosity and greed ... love and hate ... and fate.

Marissa Meyer is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles*, *Heartless*, *The Renegades* trilogy and *Instant Karma*

'Fresh and utterly engrossing.' – *The New York Times* (on *Gilded*)

Dirty Bertie Volume 4

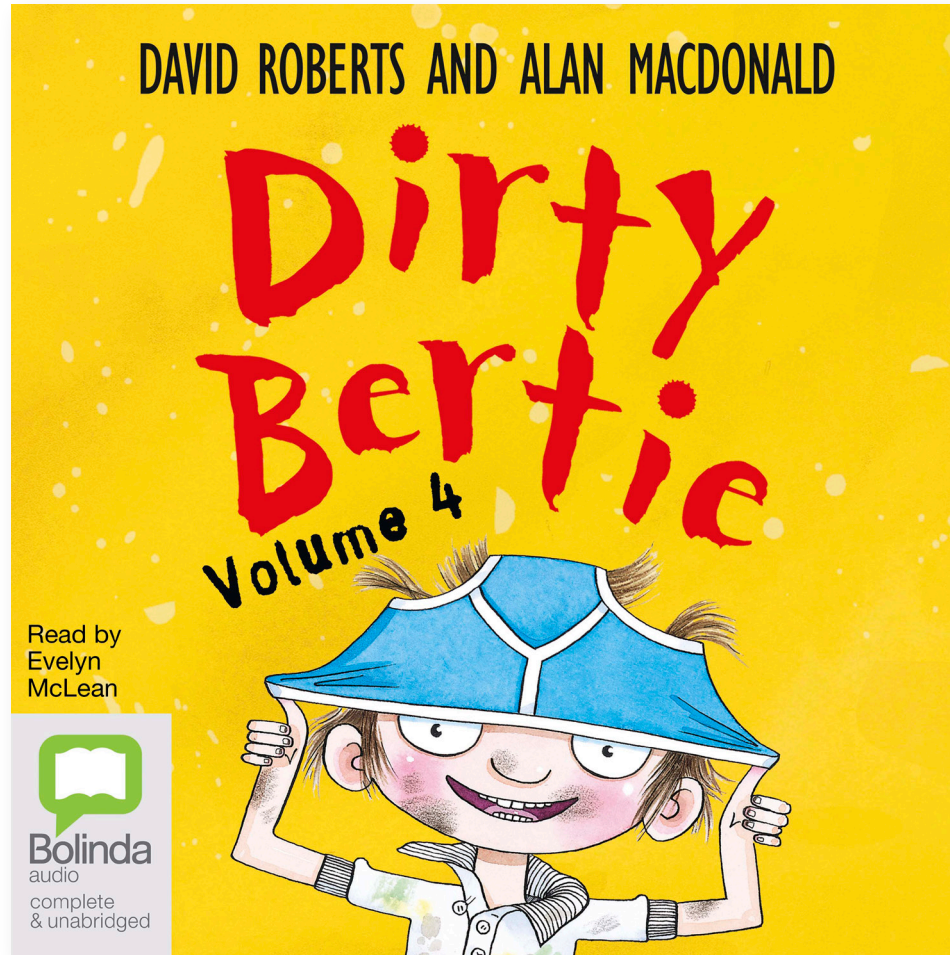
Dirty Bertie

Alan MacDonald & David Roberts

Read by Evelyn McLean

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Dirty Bertie – the boy with nose-pickingly disgusting habits – is back for another helping of comic chaos, ever-increasing madcap schemes and crazy capers.

Pants!: Bertie's third audiobook finds him facing the shame of losing a dare with Know-All Nick and having to wear his pants to school, playing the part of the dog in the local amateur dramatic society's production of *Oliver!* and taking Whiffer to Royston Rich's birthday party, where Whiffer leaves a very unwelcome present ...

Burp!: Join Bertie as he stages a school dinner revolt, takes Whiffer to dog training and sabotages his sister's sleepover. It can only end in chaos!

Yuck!: Bertie devises a new scheme for making filthy lucre, has a sickly time at the fairground and manages to teach a toddler her first word: bum!

Crackers!: Join Bertie for three comically chaotic Christmas stories as he makes his very own Christmas crackers, performs in the school nativity play and has to dress up as an elf to help out at Santa's Grotto.

Alan MacDonald is the author of over 80 children's titles, which have been translated into many languages and won several awards

David Roberts has won the Nestle Children's Book Prize in 2006 and was shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal four times

'Lots of grime, plenty of chaos ... great fun!' – Books for Keeps

'Highly accessible and enjoyable.' – Achuka

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Hilda and the Ghost Ship

Hilda #5

Stephen Davies; Luke Pearson

Read by a Full Cast

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Based on the hit Netflix series, join Hilda and Twig for more hilarious adventures in the fifth instalment of the Hilda series.

In this fifth audiobook, funny things are happening at sea, so Hilda packs her adventuring satchel and sets sail to find out why ships keep disappearing near Cauldron Island. Will she get to the bottom of the mystery or end up at the bottom of the ocean?

Meanwhile, back on land, an old acquaintance has taken over a windmill and promised she's turned over a new leaf, but can she be trusted? Get swept away with it all in this immersive multi-voice 3D audio adventure.

A Netflix original series

Luke Pearson is the creator of the Hildafolk comic series. He is also a writer and co-executive producer of the Bafta award-winning animated series of the same name

Pearson was the winner of Young People's Comic category at the British Comic Award in 2012 and was nominated for the Eisner Award's Best Publication for Kids and Best Writer/Artist in 2013

Stephen Davies writes chapter books, young adult novels, TV tie-ins and historical fiction

'A fun and pacey adventure combining a contemporary heroine with a gentle mythological element.' – Booktrust (on *Hilda and the Hidden People*)

'This magical adventure full of challenge, excitement and daring, is part of a Netflix TV Tie-in series.' – Kids Book Review (on *Hilda and the Great Parade*)

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The Sackville Street Caper & The Curious Case of the Irish Yeti

Molly Malone and Bram Stoker

Alan Nolan

Read by Christopher Simpson

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Two exciting adventure stories of Molly Malone and Bram Stoker from the author of Sam Hannigan series.

The Sackville Street Caper: Dublin, 1858. Bram Stoker: boy seeking adventure (and things to write about) Molly Malone: part-time fishmonger and full-time sneak thief! When Bram runs away from boarding school and meets streetwise Molly, he finds all the excitement he's ever wanted. Together they explore the city, with its Sackville Street spooks, hoodlums and heroes – and let's not forget the very creepy Count Vladimir Grof-Constantin de Lugosi. As Bram looks for inspiration for the famous book he has yet to write – *Dracula* – our two heroes stumble upon a dastardly plot to steal ... the Irish Crown Jewels!

The Curious Case of the Irish Yeti: Dublin's dogs are mysteriously disappearing! No guard dogs means thieves are running riot, and with no sheepdogs to herd the animals in Smithfield market, the city is overrun with sheep and goats ... and even worse, Dublin's cats are having an absolute field day! The dwindling doggy population is being blamed on a curious creature known as the Irish Yeti. Bram Stoker, Molly Malone and the Sackville Street Spooks are fascinated by this mysterious monster, but when Molly's own dog goes missing, the friends decide enough is enough – they have to go on the trail of the Yeti .

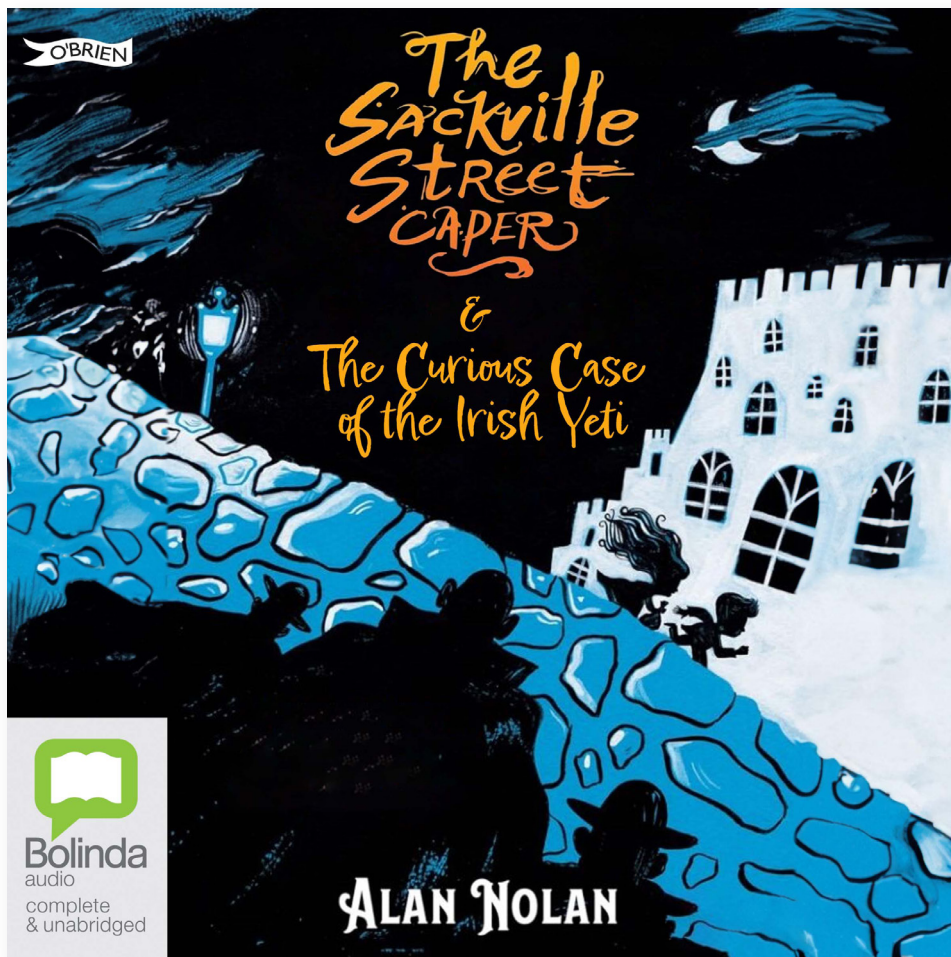
Alan Nolan is the author of *Fintan's Fifteen*, *Conor's Caveman* and the Sam Hannigan series

Includes the Irish World Book Day 2024 title *The Curious Case of the Irish Yeti*

Nolan runs illustration and writing workshops for children, and you may see him lugging his drawing board and pencils around your school or local library

'From the clever chapter titles to the infinitely interesting characters (including the lovable Billy the Pan), Nolan has married attention to detail with a dollop of cinematic fun.' – The Irish Times (on *The Sackville Street Caper*)

'Brilliant characters, puns and wordplay galore, rotten fish, nappies, ghosts ...' – Irish Independent (on *The Sackville Street Caper*)



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